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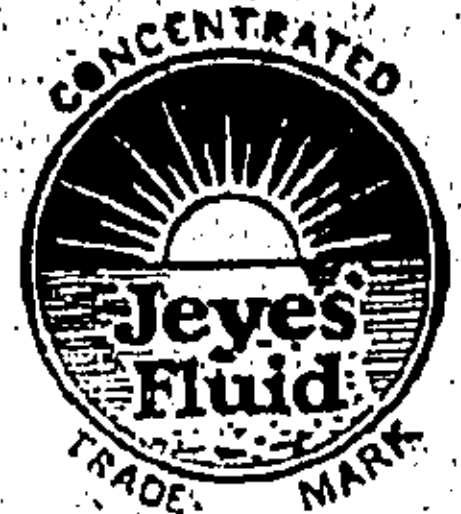
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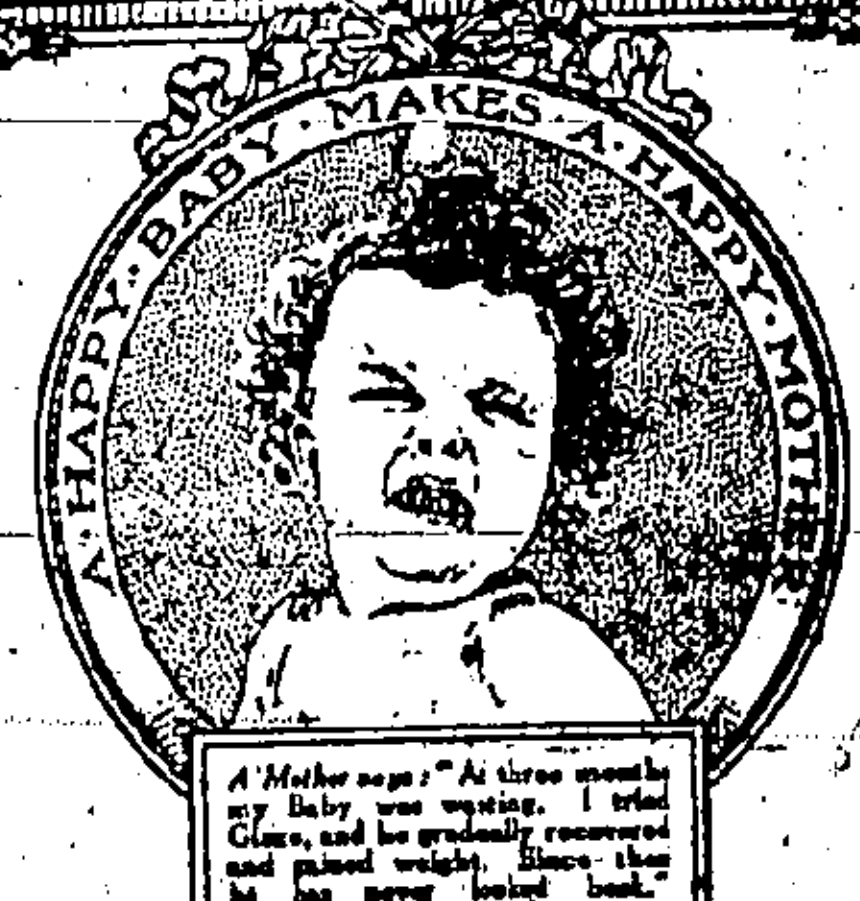


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COMMONS CRISIS

LABOUR MEMBER'S SPEECH

OUR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 18.
In his speech continuing the debate on the Address the Labour member the Rt. Hon. Mr. Thomas declared that a situation was being created in Central Europe necessitating expenditure on our own defence. No party was entitled to claim a party advantage out of danger to the nation. The Ministerialists asked how Labour was going to deal with France and the implication suggested that it was by war but it was not real friendship to pretend that all was well when it was not. No nation owed greater tribute to another nation than we did to France but that did not mean that if we believed France was heading for disaster we ought not to say so. God forbid that any word should be construed as meaning that Labour was anxious to break with France or talk about war but it was not surprising that France did not believe the Government and treated them with contempt in view of their vacillating policy.

No. Free Love

Mr. Thomas described Mr. Asquith's speech yesterday as one of the greatest of his life. He declared that the statements that the first steps of the Labour Government would be to corrupt the army, navy and police and to abolish marriage and introduce free love were rubbish. Decent men and women of all classes were anxious to remedy social conditions. The Labour party had graduated in a very hard school and would make mistakes but the experience and responsibility of government would be good for them and despite difficulties they would work with the single desire to make the country worthy of the citizens who showed their patriotism at the time of its greatest trial.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said the Government plainly told France they could not answer for the continuance of friendly relations if she continued to occupy the Ruhr. They all desired to avoid war but it might come to the point when the nation had to choose whether it would carry out its views forcibly or take the other alternative. Mr. Thomas opposed war under any circumstances and it did not lay with Mr. Thomas to accuse the Government of not taking an action which would inevitably have led to war. He begged the Labour party not hastily to dismiss the imperial preference proposals out of any pedantic theory. He emphasised the enormous importance of Dominion trade, instancing how preference stimulated trade in Australia. He hoped the Labour government would treat the proposals with all the sympathy possible. He predicted that the Labour party would find it impossible to abolish all food taxes and if it could be satisfied that the proposals were expedient they might well, without departing from their principles, rearrange the food duties so as to enable them to be carried out. The proposals were in the nature of a moral gesture and the direction wherein the gesture was made might affect very seriously the future attitude of the Dominions towards Britain. When a generation or two hence, the Dominions were among the greatest nations of the earth the action of the British Government to-day might determine the value they would be to the Empire and the help they would be to the people of Britain (cheers).

"Only A Faded Pink"

Mr. Neville Chamberlain commented to the Liberals the letter of Mr. Churchill declaring that a Socialist Government would be a national misfortune. He said the Red Flag appeared to resemble a chameleon, changing shade according to environment. If they always had speeches like Mr. Thomas's he would call it only a very faded pink (laughter) but a powerful section of the Labour party, which made up in self-confidence what it lacked in respect for the rules of the House was determined to exercise a powerful influence upon the fortunes of the party. A prominent member of this section recently declared that it would be

FRANCE'S FOREIGN POLICY

STATEMENT BY POINCARÉ

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, January 18.
After M. Poincaré had lengthily reviewed France's foreign policy the Chamber carried a vote of confidence in the Government by 415 votes to 151. In the course of a statement M. Poincaré said France rightly rejected frequent British proposals for revision of the German debt which were not accompanied by any offer of compensation in respect of France's debts to her. Referring to means to apply the possible recommendations of the Experts' Committee, M. Poincaré suggested that reparations payments might be obtained by working the railways in occupied regions by inter-Allied companies. France was willing to agree to a portion of the prospective German loan being devoted to the restoration of German finances but the bulk must be handed over for reparations.

"KATORI MARU" DAMAGED

COLLIDES WITH STEAM HOPPER

LONDON, January 18.
A steam hopper belonging to the Port of London authority collided near Mucking with the Japanese steamer "Katori Maru" bound for Antwerp. The latter, which returned and anchored off Rosherville, was damaged on the port side above the water midships.

THE NEXT QUAKE

BENDANDI'S LATEST FORECAST

ROME, January 18.
Bendandi foretells an earthquake on the coast of Asia or nearer on January 29 and 30

political madness to leave the impression that the Labour movement did not menace the vested interests (Lord Labour cheers) and that it would be a betrayal of those who voted for them unless they destroyed Liberalism.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the Imperial preference proposals did not affect the question of unemployment now but would profoundly affect trade and employment in Britain in the future, perhaps the not very distant future (cheers).

Duchess's Maiden Effort

The Duchess of Atholl, in her maiden speech, supported the Government's proposals to develop juvenile unemployment centres, protect children born out of wedlock, amend the law relating to maintenance and separation orders, and call an agricultural conference. She declared that if the Liberals who were elected with the help of Conservative votes were true to their election pledges they would save their party from the odium of turning out the Government.

Debate Adjourns

The Right Hon. Mr. George Lambart (L.) emphasised the necessity of continuity in foreign affairs. He would vote for the amendment without enthusiasm reserving liberty of judgment. The debate was adjourned to Monday.

Anti-Socialist Amendment

In connection with Mr. Churchill's letter (see early cables) it is noteworthy that the Parliamentary industrial group has given notice of an amendment to the Address saying that as an overwhelming majority of members have been returned definitely pledged against Socialism it would be a violation of the expressed will of the electorate to place in power a Government which manifestly cannot, on its own declared policy, effectively carry out the administration.

COMMERCIAL NOTES

SUGAR ARRIVAL

The J. C. J. L. s.s. "Tjondari" is bringing about 75,000 gunny bags (each approximately 225 lbs. gross) of Java Sugar for Hongkong.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.
This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, are as follows:

Java Sugar: average quality per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$15.40, No. 24 fine white 16.13, No. 18 rough brown 14.50. Speculators have considerable lots on their hands. They are quoting between 50 and 75 cents per picul, below the market.
Rice, average quality: per picul gross weight for net—No. 1 Siam long white—superior, old crop \$4.00; ordinary, old crop \$4.00; superior, new crop \$3.30.
Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton \$2.71, Mollusc Fairy 2.69, Kwan Tao 2.80, Blue Ribbon 2.70, Sperry's XXX 3.58, Maize 2.84, White Greens 2.80, Melon 2.83.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

The monthly report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is as follows:

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—During the interval our market has improved and a considerable business has been done in Grey and White Shirtings and Fancy Goods at enhanced rates. At the close local values are firm and in some cases advancing. Manchester reports a strong market. Clearances are fairly satisfactory.

Cotton Yarn.—Since our last report there has been a certain amount of enquiry, but only a small business has resulted. Prices, however, remained unchanged. Quotations are—No. 10s. \$220/240, No. 12s. \$230/245, No. 16s. \$240/250, No. 20s. \$225/235. Arrivals 700 bales. Shipments nil. Sales 700 bales. Unsold 10,000 bales. Bargain 2,500 bales.

Woolens.—The market is very quiet, as is usual at this time of the year.

Rau. Cottons.—No sales to report and prices are unchanged.

Metals.—Market continues quiet and although home prices have dropped there has been no response from this side. Spot prices are steady but little business is reported.

Flour Market.—Report—Stock: 500,000; Market: Dull. Quotations: American Patent \$2.60 per sack; American Straight \$2.85 per sack; American Cut off \$2.90 per sack; Australian No. 1 \$2.90 per sack.

FOOTBALL

KOWLOON F.C. TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their matches to-day:

1st round Hongkong Shield: v. Police at Kowloon, Kick-off 4 p.m.—B. Rasmussen, F. Wheeler, J. Morton, J. Leonard, J. McKelvie, B. Pascoe, K. A. Mason, C. Millard, A. Latham, J. Muir and A. Duncan.

2nd division League: South China "B" at Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.—J. Beach, F. Oller, D. Urquhart, A. W. Brown, S. Sibley, S. Randle, V. Has, G. Vickers, W. H. Brown, A. Spary and B. T. Hyllock. Reserves: L. H. Taylor and S. W. Campbell.

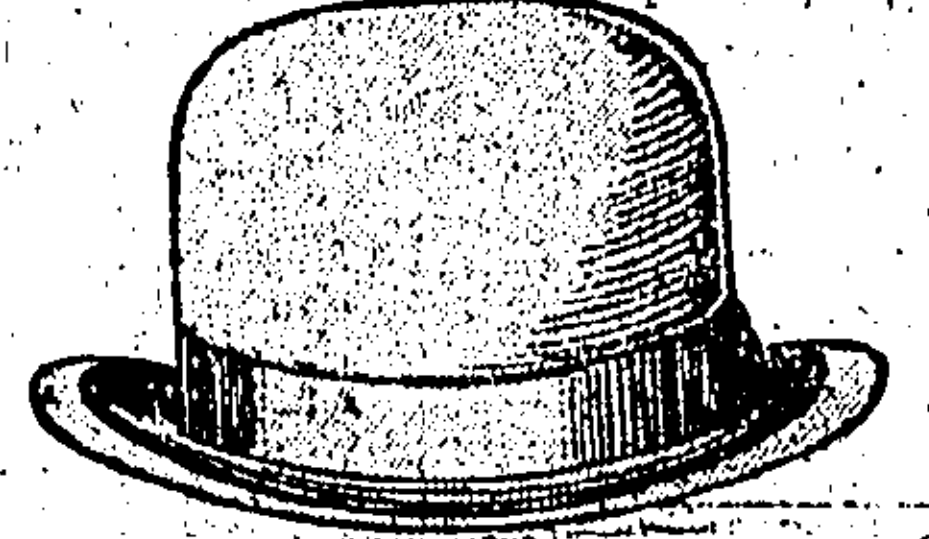
SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Fung Ping-shin has been appointed a life member of the University Court.

Lieut. G. M. Dodwell's resignation of his commission in the Volunteers has been accepted.

Mr. M. J. Breen, Mr. A. E. Potts, Mr. E. Rowan and Sir D. W. Wilson were passengers on the incoming "Express of Regia."

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THURSDAY, January 24, 1924,
commencing at 5.15 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
A Valuable Collection of Postage
Stamps
Catalogue will be issued.
On View from Wednesday the 23rd
January 1924
Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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Auctioneers.

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commencing at 2.30 p.m.
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including:—
Five coloured, Red and White, Blue
and White Porcelain of the Ming,
Kangxi, Yung Ching, Kienlung and
Towkwang Periods.
Jade, Crystal, Agate and Carved
Ivory Ware.
Fine Lacquered Ware.

Also
One Very Fine Blue and White Vase
(Kangxi).
On View from Thursday the 24th,
January 1924.
Catalogue will be issued.
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MONDAY, January 28th, 1924,
commencing at 10.30 a.m. & 2.00 p.m.
at Godown No. 23 The Hongkong
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon.
A Quantity of
Miscellaneous Goods

Comprising:—
Round, Flat and Square Bars, Angle
Iron, Joists, Bar Ends, Galvanized Wire,
Flour, Planks, Old Newspapers, Sulphate
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Also
50 Cases Chinese Wine
51 Cases Stout
24 Cases Provisions
24 Packages Sewing Machines
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5 Bales Cotton Canvas
400 Bales Congolom
10 Cases Shoe Wire
10 Cases Shoe Nails.

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Hongkong, January 18, 1924.

FARES FOR PUBLIC
VEHICLES.

The fares prescribed for public vehicles
are as follows:—
I.—In the City of Hongkong, Cause
Road and Lower Levels, and in
Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

SINGLES.

Five minutes..... 5 cents
Ten minutes..... 10
Quarter hour..... 15
Half hour..... 20
One hour..... 30
Every subsequent hour..... 30
If the journey be engaged
within the City of Victoria, and be dis-
charged outside the Western part of the
City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-
charged to the East of Bay View Police
Station on the Eastern side of the City
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half
fare shall be chargeable.
For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or
triple respectively.

II.—In the Hill District.

Ten minutes..... 15 cents
Quarter hour..... 20
Half hour..... 30
One hour..... 40
Every subsequent hour..... 40

III.—In the New Territories.

By arrangement with the proprietors
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Ten minutes..... 10 cents 20 cents
Quarter hour..... 15 30
Half hour..... 25 40
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ALL preliminary notices of forth-
coming meetings, lectures and
entertainments, sent for insertion in
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vouches for the fact that the mice
made frantic efforts to escape,
but the lady showed considerable
determination and tenacity of pur-
pose, and was resourceful enough to
arm herself with a carving-knife, by
means of which she eventually suc-
ceeded in severing the caudal
appendages of the three objects of
her pursuit."

Why are doctors' patients so
called?

Originally the word "patient"
had nothing to do with any state of
patience, or the reverse. It meant
"a sufferer," from the Latin *patior*.
I suffer. So that a doctor's patients
are simply the sufferers who choose
to attend him.

In time, however, an additional
meaning crept in, implying one who
suffers without complaining.

So that when we refer to a
doctor's patients now we use the
word as meaning those who suffer
without complaint, while, of course,
the same word has maintained a
separate meaning when we speak
simply of one who is patient.

A Birthday Prayer.

"Be a glutton until you are thirty,
but after that abstain from the flesh-
pots," is the advice of an eminent
physician.

Kill me the calf that is fattened,
Bring me the succulent ham,
Oysters deliciously "pattied,"
Hogsheds of strawberry jam;
Lad me the juice of the grape on
The table be lavishly spread;
Cook me the corpulent capon,
Baste the bon's head.

Toil with unparelled ardour,
Seeking delectable fare;
Loot from your innermost larder
All that is choicest and rare;
Let no suspicion of shortness
Hamper the feast till I've felt
Every sensation of tautness
Under the belt.

Show me no signs of evasion,
Let not your energy wane;
This is a special occasion
Never to come back again.
Lend to the banquet a lustre
Men may cling to for aye;
This is my ultimate buster;
Chief, I am thirty to-day.

—THETA.

Points of view.

The Germans have become a
nation of mathematicians. — Mr.
G. H. Shakespeare, M.P.

We prosper as the world prospers;
we decline as the world declines. —
Mr. McKenna.

Does anyone who knows think
that the prison is a reforming in-
fluence? — Sir Robert Wallace.

Unless we get good houses for the
people our educational ideas will be
thrown away. — Lady Warwick.

The cinema takes from the theatre
only those plays that have no busi-
ness there. — Mr. Bernard Shaw.

As regards composers, we can un-
doubtedly hold our own with any
foreign country. — Sir Landon
Ronald.

As a matter of fact, the approved
societies have really no control over
the doctors. — Sir Alfred Mond.

This country's roll of fame would
be impoverished if our clergy had
been obliged to remain unmarried. —
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when there are pretty teeth to
show. But dingy teeth are kept
concealed.
The difference lies in film. That
is what stains and discolours. That
is what hides the tooth luster.

Why teeth are dim

Your teeth are coated with a
viscous film. You can feel it now.
It clings to teeth, gets between the
teeth and stays.
No ordinary tooth paste can ef-
fectively combat it. The tooth
brush, therefore, leaves much of it
intact.

That film is what discolours, not
the teeth. It often forms the basis
of a dingy coat. Millions of teeth
are clouded in that way.

The tooth attacks

Film also holds food substance
which ferments and form acids. It
holds the acids in contact with the
teeth to cause decay.
Germs constantly breed in it.
They, with tartar, are the chief
cause of pyorrhea. Thus most
tooth troubles are now traced to
film, and very few people escape
them.

Must be combated

Dental science has long been

It goes further

Other effects are now considered
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It multiplies the salivary flow.
It multiplies the starch-digestant
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8th, 1924

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 18th January to MONDAY, 28th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

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ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Sir James Reckitt, head of the large blue and starch firm of Hull, who has been actively associated with philanthropic work, is 90.

It was reported to the Roscommon County Council that the bank account was overdrawn by £26,000, and rates outstanding amount to £64,000.

In the deep sea, trade three out of five British sailing ships are laid up, it was stated at the annual meeting of the British Sailing Ship Owners' Association.

A number of high Moorish notables have prayed in the principal mosque at Tangier, that the port shall become international and not be handed to the care of a single nation.

The Cardiff stipendiary dismissed a charge of manslaughter against Frederick Dix, 19, who accidentally shot Leslie King, 14, while they were shooting seagulls.

The Unemployment Grants Committee has notified Lowestoft Corporation that Belgian cement, though cheaper than British cement, must not be used in the new seawall scheme.

When Edward Cain, 59, a labourer, was sent for trial at Birmingham on a charge of bigamy it was stated that he went through the marriage ceremony in 1915 with a woman of 80.

For smuggling whisky and cigars Archibald McPhail, captain of the steamer "Onyx," was fined treble duty, £10, at Neath and Robert Brown, the second officer, £3, for a similar offence.

The grand jury at the Old Bailey found no bill in the case of Thomas Percy Mutton, 33, a tramway-car conductor, charged with the manslaughter of Herbert Parker, and he was discharged.

After three days' debate the Isle of Man Legislature decided to offer £200,000 to the British Government as a contribution to the war expenses, but that the money should not be raised by taxation of food.

Appointments for ex-officers and men are being found at the rate of 100 a week by the Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour, Sir Montague Barlow stated. The number on the register is 5,109.

M. Midol, the Paris Communist, who went to Switzerland in 1920, when a warrant was issued for his arrest for taking part in a railway strike and returned to Paris when he was elected a councillor, was arrested outside the City Hall.

An injury received 29 years ago, when he burnt his foot, was stated to have accelerated the death of William Abbott, 64, of Middlesbrough, on whom an inquest was held. He died from acute bronchitis. The verdict was Death from Natural Causes.

It was announced at the annual festival of the "Newvenders," Benevolent and Provident Institution at the Mansion House that £475 had been subscribed in response to an appeal made by Sir Charles Wakefield, a former Lord Mayor of London, who presided.

The Earl of Balfour, at the annual Raleigh Lecture on History held by the Royal Society at Burlington House, Piccadilly, announced a donation of £2,000 from Mrs. L. Mond, which would enable the society to hold a Shakespeare lecture on English literature yearly.

Described as an executive officer in the office of the Controller of the London telephone service, Perry Medcalfe 43, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division at Marlborough street for offering a bribe to a county court official and for obtaining 30s. by false pretences.

An Army Council Instruction was issued abolishing the Geneva Cross hitherto worn on the sleeve by the rank and file of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who will in future wear the corps badge only, except on active service, when a white brassard, bearing a red cross, will be worn as in the past.

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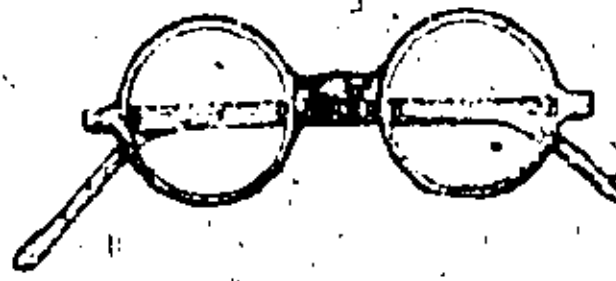
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DEATH.

BANKER.—On January 19, 1924, at his residence, No. 11, Hui-kow Road, Kowloon, George Banker, aged 55 years, formerly will pass the Monument at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday), January 20. Shanghai papers please copy.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG SATURDAY, JAN. 19, 1924.

IMAGINATION.

Not without good reason did Napoleon claim that "imagination rules the world." The soul without imagination is what an observatory would be without a telescope; and its importance to the welfare of man cannot be exaggerated. It is incalculable. We cannot live without it. "It increases the vivacity of childhood, widens out the horizons of youth, stimulates the purposeful energies of maturity, and sustains the buoyancy of age." The practical power of the vision faculty is simply immeasurable. Working in iron and steel the imagination of Watt sees an engine; working amid the colours beautiful, the imagination paints pictures; working upon marble, it carves statues; working in wood and stone it rears cathedrals; working in sand it creates smoothness, working with ideas it fashions intellectual

systems; working in morals it constructs ethical principles. Without it civilisation would be impossible. There is no more useful element in human life than imagination. Reason is only its hand-servant; it has no creative skill. Memory makes no discoveries, and judgment, merely classifies the material that memory stores away. It is imagination that is the wonder worker. Galileo sees a lump swinging in a Baptistery and there and then he imagines a pendulum that will measure time, and lo! he has invented the clock. Newton sees an apple fall to the ground from the tree on which it grew, and immediately his imagination suggests some great law of gravitation and in that hour was discovered a mighty and mysterious force that holds the circling planets in their places. A piece of driftwood with a bubble securely held in a crevice was blown by the steady western trade winds across the ocean to the shores of Spain. Columbus was arrested by the act, and immediately in imagination he saw the continent whence the people had come and the forest in which the trees had grown. Under that inspiration he set sail on his memorable voyage of discovery to the western world. Another discovered mysterious scratches in the rocks and wondered. In imagination he pictured a mighty mass of slow moving ice with great stones firmly embedded in it, grinding down over the rocks, and in that

moment the glacial theory was born.

The pages of history teem with the facts of imagination and the results born from their fruitful adoption. Our Eddies, and our Listers, our Fords even and our great Captains of industry have given their imaginations free play, and have fired their visionary outlines with the breath of life. The history of Singapore for instance is imagination plus energy bearing fruit to-day. The same may be said of this place of Hongkong—a once barren fever-stricken rock. It is the thing which we all have but which probably we often misuse. Exercised well we become happy and contented people even if epoch making results do not ensue; allowed to atrophy we become discontented, miserable, a plague to ourselves, missing the very essence of life. Imagination lends a grain of joy finer than sense.

The Kerr Hospital.

In our leading article we refer to the question of imagination; and imagination may be put into operation by reading and considering the appeal made on behalf of the John G. Kerr Hospital for insane at Canton, which appeared in yesterday's issue of the China Mail. Ameliorative work of any description must excite the imagination to a considerable extent and bring forth expressions of practical sympathy. How much more should it be when the work is undertaken amongst those who either temporarily, or permanently, have lost their reason. It seems at first sight a hopeless, useless and impossible task, and certain "practical" people would have us put an end to lives which outwardly at any rate have no practical purpose at all, literally encumber the earth. That view is not subscribed by those who direct the operations of the John G. Kerr Hospital and whose efforts fill us with such a large sense of admiration. To those who are inclined to suggest that charity begins at home, it is only necessary to point out that our own Government recognises the work of the Hospital and subscribes largely to its impoverished funds—as it should do, seeing that the Hospital "contracts" to take off our hands a great number of weak-minded who otherwise would be a burden to those charged with the duty of administration. The matter is also a striking comment on the past things have come to in Canton, for the truth is that "My Government" owes the Hospital \$28,000 for services rendered. There is no need to dwell on that, but to express the hope that imaginations will be so worked as to see the call for help which is now raised and to respond to it without delay.

Statistics show that England ate five times more ice cream last summer than in 1919. This sundae observance has our whole-hearted approval.

An American has submitted an improved rifle to our War Office. Germany thinks France knows all there is to know how to rifle!

Scores of young men marry, their dancing partners we are told. Result: The Blues.

A Doctor states that lockjaw is frequently caused by yawning. This definitely kills our ambition to become a member of the Legislative Council.

The more we know about husbands the less we think of women's intuition.

It is simply ridiculous for a man to rush downstairs in the dead of the night and try to look brave while attired in pyjamas. It simply cannot be done. The pyjamas have never been designed that could make a man look anything but a rank coward.

A contemporary declares that nightcaps can no longer be obtained. In New York perhaps, but not in Hongkong.

It is estimated that the sun can go on supplying heat at the present rate for 1,000,000,000 years. Some of our sporting committees can beat that easily.

A London barmoid has been chosen to go to New York as an English beauty-thorough girl. Doubtless on account of her great drawing powers.

A doctor declares that people who live in flats have more brains than those who live in houses. Because generally they are right in the upper story.

The P. and O. have been having their call offered. The thieves seem to have been possessed with a burning desire!

The rumour that our Champion Society former is to promote a Branch of the Labour Party in Hongkong, is denied.

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Nature lovers will tell us what purpose lizards serve in the general scheme of things. We notice them on the walls at night, and particularly in some of our lamp posts, warily stalking moths. It some parts of England we read they are called crocodiles and people always slaughter them as noxious things.

The writer (the book is "Small Talk at Weyland") says he never heard of a lizard doing any harm, excepting one that was licked up by a cow and got down into her lung and killed her!

"Who's gone off with my waste-paper basket?" said the governor to the office-boy. "Mrs. Riley, sir," was the reply. "Mrs. Riley?" exclaimed the governor. "Who's Mrs. Riley?" "The charwoman, sir," replied the boy.

"Oh!" said the boss; "you mean Annie." And he went on with his work.

A little later he called the boy again. "Somebody's been in here while I was out, and left a window open."

"Yes, sir. It was Mr. Seymour, sir."

"Mr. Seymour!" repeated the governor. "Who's he?" "The window cleaner, sir."

"Tut, tut!" commented the boss. "Not so much of your missus and mistering, Jimmy. Call people by their Christian names, and we'll know who you're talking about. We call him plain Joe."

A few minutes later a head-was stuck round the corner of the door, and the now democratic Jimmy piped out:

"Say, Tom, here's Bill wants a word with you."

"It's a present for mother," said Arthur Lee, in Melbourne, when asked to open a parcel he was carrying, containing a fuse, two sticks of gelignite, some putty and some knives.

Our mothers whacked us in our youth And blew us up like blazes, To make us pad the path of truth That winds through Life's dark mazes.

Such thankless tasks of love and pain Bring guerdons unexpected; And one fond mother can't complain That she was quite neglected.

The clerks were having a little Fossip.

"Did I tell you, chaps, that I was leaving?" drawled the languid swell of the staff, whose incompetence was as palpable as the splendour of his attire.

"Heard you'd got the sack," replied the cashier.

"I answered an advertisement yesterday for what looks like a first-class job," resumed the overdressed one. "I've pitched rather a strong yarn, but you've got to do that if you want to keep up with the times."

Just then the senior partner arrived, and after reading the letters, called the swell to his room. The following dialogue was heard by the others.

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"And is your salary £7/10 a week?" "Eh, no, sir—50."

"Are you leaving us because of a difference with the firm regarding the management of our colonial branches?"

Dead silence and a short pause. Then the senior partner:—"You should be more careful in your statements, sir. This is a small world. The advertisement you answered was for the situation you are leaving on Friday. That will do."

The "habitual" A REGULAR had arrived by the "Black Maria" at the prison gates, and the gatekeepers, recognising him, exclaimed, "What, back again, Murphy?"

"Yes, John," was the reply. "Any letters?"

The English on Japanese ships is essentially Japanese.

And the intentions of the stewards are better than their English. Though instructed and corrected daily, they persist in addressing lady passengers as "sir" evidently with the idea of showing men and women equal politeness. But the climax came when the passengers on a steamer recently arrived from the East sat down to dinner and read their papers. The star boarder was "Queen George Pudding."

Lady (at the book-to-read-seller's): "I should like the works of Shakespeare, Milton, and Byron—and something to read as well."

HOW GOLF CAME famous TO SCOTLAND.

There is a famous golf club at Pau. This healthy sport was originally introduced into Scotland from Holland towards the end of the fifteenth century, on the eve of the Reformation, by Lord Seton, who had studied at Leyden.

It soon became so popular that in a few years it was forbidden by law at Aberdeen as "a Popish game," and was later damned in the Lowlands because identified with the links at Seton, to which Queen Mary Stuart is described as going down from Holyrood to play.

To-day's Poem.

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishment
The scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

—W. B. RENEY.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 19.

1896. Shall I tell you what I did yesterday? It was so warm, so warm, the thermometer at 68 in this room, that I took it into my head to call it April instead of January, and put on a cloak and walked downstairs into the drawing-room—walked, mind!—Elizabeth Barrett.

SUCCESS.

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 19.—Coronet Theatre; Quincy Adams Sawyer.
January 19.—Star Theatre; "What Every Woman Knows."
January 19.—World Theatre; "So Long Letty."

January 19.—Fancy dress dinner dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.
January 19.—Smoking Concert at Esna Club, 17 Queen's Road, 9 p.m.

January 19.—Dancing in Palace Hotel, 9.15 p.m.
January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

January 25.—Burr's Night Dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.
February 4.—Grand Chinese Carnival in the Hongkong Hotel Grill Rooms, 8-12 p.m.

February 4.—Lamont Bros., at their Sales Rooms, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.
January 25.—Lamont Bros., at their Sales Rooms, a fine collection of Chinese Curios, 2.30 p.m.

January 25.—Lamont Bros., at Godown, No. 18, The H.K. Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon. Miscellaneous Goods, 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

January 28.—Twenty-third ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

January 28.—Thirty-sixth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices 11.15 a.m.

February 1.—One-hundred and fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.

February 2.—Fifth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the registered office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3 p.m.

January 22.—Discepan Boys School Annual Speech Day from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

March 6.—Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual flower and vegetable show.

FRAGMENTS FROM A DIARY.

(BY SAMUEL PEPPY'S JR.)

January 15. I write this in fear and trembling not knowing what shall befall for yesterday that ever was witnessed my discomfiture in no uncertain fashion. Up betime and to the office by tram-car which costeth me nothing as I find on getting to my desk that the conductor failth to collect my fare and I am ten cents in pocket, which seems to me a safer business than purchasing shares for a rise. In due course to the snackeries and on my way epy my wife. And so, wondering what can have brought her to town, to seize her by the arm and say "hallo." But to my great confusion and discontent am horror-stricken to find it is not my wife after all, and am at great pains to explain myself. And do hope that Juggins whom I like not hath not witnessed my procedure and following discomfiture lest I become discredited in the eyes of all God-fearing men, Kowloon bachelors, and fathers of small and large families. But do decide to have my eyes tested and if necessary to sign the pledge and to live a more Godly, righteous and sober life in the future, hoping this determination will avail me much in my present extremity—for the time being.

January 17. Up as is my usual custom after I have slept and to town where I have appointment with—to take lessons in dancing, for I do decide that every dog lieth his day, even if mine have not yet come. And do see that there be no holes in my socks and that I am fully prepared for my lesson. And so to the place of instruction where I am put through steps and chassiss to my exceeding great content, and do comfort myself with becoming grace and dignity and do think that by taking heed to my step, as it is indeed spoken—"watch your step." I shall, if not add one cubit to my stature, possibly decrease my circumference by a little—which remaineth to be seen. And on to Whiteaways where I do purchase an exceeding handsome pair of blue-coloured pyjamas which I take to be able to serve a double or three-fold purpose in that I may sleep in them—not caring for the old-fashioned night-shirts—play tennis in them, and, by adding to them the poun-poun that is white or black, attend the next Carnival as a Pierot. And do think that dancing is a good thing, remembering that one of my ancestors did even die dancing—at the end of a rope. And at even-tide do watch my steps as aforesaid and by the aid of the dulcet tones of my gramophone to the strains of

"I Wanna Go Home if I can get there"

spend my moments in gyrating to and fro, much to the disgust of the dogs and my dogs of neighbours, who be kill joys if ever there are any. But in good time to bed where I dream of my shares rising, which seemeth too good to be true.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Fourteen fresh cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 6.02 p.m. and to-morrow (Sunday) at 6.03 p.m.

The quarterly general meeting of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association is advertised for Tuesday, January 22, at 5.30 p.m.

The Young Men's Islamic Society advertise that the opening ceremony of the Society's premises will take place on Sunday, January 20th, at 10.30 a.m.

Injuries to her forehead were suffered by a Chinese girl, nine years of age, who was accidentally knocked down by taxi No. 989 in Queen's Road East yesterday.

The Government Gazette notifies that unless cause in shewn to the contrary within three months Seison and Company will be struck off the register and the company dissolved.

Mr. Milton Young who was secretary to Mr. Newton Baker when the latter was secretary for War announces that Mr. Baker will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.

It is reported that the share market opened very firm at the beginning of the week and a large amount of business was put through at various prices, but eased off a little towards the close, due to profit taking, but the undertone is still very firm. The Shanghai market is unchanged.

Believed to be Japanese, a Chinese named Ho Leung, no connection with the son of Mr. Ho Fook—was found by the police at Kennedy Town yesterday. He was trying to hang himself with a leather belt attached to the grille of a godown door in Sand Street. The police took him to hospital.

VOLUNTEERS MOBILISED!

"WINTER DEFENCE MEASURES"

BUSINESS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
KONGMOON, January 18. Nothing important has happened this week.
H.M.S. "Robin" arrived here on January 14 and left by way of Gaemooon on January 17.
Shek-ki is now actually occupied by troops of the 4th division (Cantonese under Hsu Shung-chi). The cruiser "Wing Fung" has not gone there owing to an unexpected outbreak among the Yunnanese soldiers at Canton. In compliance with orders from Dr. Sun, Admiral Chan-Chak has withdrawn all troops and gunboats from Shek-ki and Chin-shan. He has been to Canton to attend a conference regarding the proposed new Southern Government and some say that he was in Hongkong with Chow Loo, Commissioner of Finance. He returned to Pak-kai on January 17.

An anti-piracy bureau has been established. One kind of resistance known as "Winter Defence" has been useful till Gau Tow, a village on the other side of Kongmoon, was twice attacked this week and more than thirty people taken away for ransom.

The town of Kongmoon itself presents a state of siege as all the streets are barricaded with iron gates and more than a thousand Merchants' Volunteers have been mobilised in readiness for any surprise from either troops or pirates. Business is fairly good and the town seems quite prosperous.

An embargo has been placed on the export of Chinese silver coins. Premium on Hongkong notes has moved from 20 per cent. to 17 per cent.

Carelessness in heaving in the anchor caused a hole to the steamer "Hoi Sang," which arrived here from Hongkong yesterday morning. The anchor made a hole in the wooden hull and the rush of water unbalanced the ship. Fortunately, the river was shallow and the damage, therefore, slight. Panic-stricken, the passengers on board left by sampans which came to the rescue. The "Hoi Sang" was not able to leave for Hongkong last night.

Instead of leaving Kongmoon at about 3 p.m., after the arrival of the mid-day train from up-country, the Hongkong steamers will now leave later so as to take in the passengers by the afternoon train.

It is rumoured and subsequently confirmed that Admiral Chan Chak has been ordered to relinquish his post as River Defence Commissioner and hand same over to Fung Shiu-meng, erstwhile Chief of Staff.

MANY SPLENDID BUILDINGS.

PROMISE OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

[China Mail Special.]

KONGMOON, January 18. There is considerable building going on at Pak-kai, the port of Kongmoon, on the West River. The splendid new residence of the Commissioner of Customs, built on the Customs hill is nearing completion.

Two other dwelling houses for the members of the staff, and the Customs Club are also in course of erection. There is much evidence to show that this part of the West River will develop very rapidly in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafferty of the Standard Oil Company have recently returned to Kongmoon after several months spent in the United States.

The trains on the Sunning Railway appear to be unusually crowded during the past months. Not only are the cars filled inside, but passengers with their luggage stand packed in the doorways and on the platforms of the cars.

There are four passenger trains each day on this line. It is hoped that the enterprising President and General Manager, Mr. Chan Yeh-hei, may soon be able to extend the road from Kongmoon to Canton. This would ensure a greatly increased volume of traffic.

Farmers are busy in their fields this fine weather, working up and fertilizing their mulberry plots and generally preparing for the crops of the new year. They suffered much in the past year from typhoons and floods. They are looking forward with high hopes for better things in 1924.

The "Robin" was in port for a few days this week. The men spent an afternoon at target practice, making the "week" ring. They also enjoyed themselves for a few hours chasing the "pigskin" on the school campus.

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BELLIOS SCHOOL. THE ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution at the Bellios Public School this morning provided an eloquent indication of the progress of the school and the success during the year of the students. These facts were noted and favourably commented upon by Lady Stubbs who distributed the prizes and who in return was presented with a beautiful bouquet and given a rousing cheer.

THE SCHOOL'S HEALTH.

The health of the school had been good. Mr. Esler kindly came to hold a Medical inspection; in June, about 15 per cent. of those examined needed treatment by an oculist. In November, Mrs. Hickling came to the school to vaccinate. The Nursing Division helped, the work was done quickly and thoroughly and in two afternoons 35 girls were vaccinated.

The Nursing Division was invited to meet Colonel Palmer, C.B.E., Knight of Jerusalem at a party at Mr. Ho Kwong's country-house, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

December 18 saw the thirtieth anniversary of the school; the old building was opened in 1893, while the new building was added in 1913.

"I should like to think," added Miss Clarke, "that the girls who have been at Bellios look back on their school days as a time of happiness and of good companionship as well as of hard work; and one's hope is that, apart from the actual knowledge learnt, they have gained self-control, unselfishness, and strength to take with calm, pluck, and cheerfulness, all that comes in life."

"In conclusion," said Miss Clarke, "I beg to thank those to whom we are indebted; first, Lady Stubbs, for her kindness in coming here to-day to give away the prizes; the Head Master of Queen's College, for allowing us to have this hall; and all the subscribers to the Prize Fund. And I ask the staff to accept my most grateful thanks for all they have done and are doing, for the school."

THE HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT. Miss E. C. Clarke, the Headmistress, in her annual report, stated that school days during the year had numbered 174; the average daily attendance was 551. As there was one class less than in 1923, the percentage of attendance was about the same. There had been several changes on the staff; those who had left included Mrs. Updell and Mrs. Garrod, both of whom they were most grateful for their work in the examination classes. Mrs. Adams joined their staff in January, to teach mathematics; Miss Munro and Miss Brennan had also been appointed. During the year, four Chinese mistresses resigned.

The year 1923 had been peaceful with little to disturb the even tenor of the school's way. Luckily, continued Miss Clarke, the typhoon did not damage the buildings much, and they were able to begin work after the holidays without any delay. The daily round had been enlivened twice by visits to the Coronet Theatre, to see "Robin Hood" and "Orphans of the Storm."

The usual examinations had taken place. A test in English was given throughout the vernacular classes; this proved of great value in fixing a standard to be reached by each division in English.

In the local school the school had three Matriculations, their first, three passes in Senior, and eleven passes in Junior, with five Distinctions, one in English, History, Needlework, and two in Chinese. It was the first time they had had Distinction in History and Chinese. One at least of the matriculated hoped to work at the University for a degree in Medicine.

The prize winners were:—
Government Scholarship.—Yang Yuh-king, Wong Sau-king, Hui Wai-ban, May Law, Ho Sui-hing, and Hung Kit-long.

Prizes for English Subjects.—
Class 1: Li Sui-mui (Matric), Chan May-ling (Matric), Pau Chai-chue (Matric), Nellie Chealloy, Beatrice Xavier, and Yim Hing-ho.
Class 2: Ng Shui-hing, Beatrice Orazio, Ho Yan-chi, Jennie Baker, Pok Kum-ho, Kwok Tai-ming, Ng Heang-yau, Ng Shuk-chi, Carmen da Rosa, Wan Yan-kwai, and Yeung Sui-hing.
Class 3: Fung Sui-king, Esther Rose, and Kwok Lai-sim.
Class 4: Au Sui-hing, Yung Po-yick, and Chan King-sim.
Class 5: Fui Lok-yip, Hui Wai-ban, and Tang Kam-chee.
Class 6: Cisse dos Santos, Francisca Gomes, May Law, Winnie Yan, and Alice Rodriguez.
Class 6: Kwok Sui-ying, Kong Sau-tang, and Ho Sui-hing.
Remove: Hung Kit-long.

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BISHOP POZZONI. STEADILY IMPROVING.

Bishop Pozzoni's condition, we are pleased to learn, is steadily improving though his medical advisers have ordered that he is not to be moved for two or three days. The Bishop passed a comfortable night and was able to sit up this morning.

OBITUARY.

The news will be received with great regret of the death this morning at his residence No. 11, Han-kow Road, Kowloon, of Mr. George Banker in his fifty-fifth year. Mr. Banker was unassuming but under a quiet demeanour, has revealed a sympathetic personality. Mr. Banker was a pioneer in the trade of Wuchow and he possessed a fleet of motor boats which have done much to open up trade between Hongkong and Wuchow. Mr. Banker's acts of charity were countless and many a missionary will have cause to regret his demise. He was interested in education and was on the committee of the Anglo-Chinese Boys' School, as well as being interested in the work carried on at St. Andrew's Church Kowloon.

KOWLOON FIRE.

Two coolies were injured through jumping down from a cock-loft when a fire broke out in the Yin Sun restaurant, 37 Kan Chung Street, Shamshui yesterday.

Assistance was forthcoming shortly and the damage was not more than \$200 or \$50. The cause has not been ascertained yet. It is stated that insurance to the extent of \$2,500 has been effected with the Sincere Insurance Co.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

The wedding will take place at 3.30 this afternoon at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, of Miss Anastasia A. Michnevitch and Mr. Isaac J. G. Walle, accountant of the Holland China Trading Co.

The bride is to be given away by Mr. A. W. van Andel while the best man will be Mr. G. Wodenberg. After the ceremony, at which the Rev. G. S. Lindsay, M.A., will officiate, a reception will be held at Mr. and Mrs. van Andel's residence at 11, Chatham Road.

The happy couple will spend their honeymoon at Repulse Bay.

The regulations governing the issue, forfeiture and restoration of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal are published in the current issue of the Government Gazette. To be eligible for the medal a person must have 20 years qualifying service, which need not be continuous. The regulations dealing with the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration are also published.

Class 7A: Choi Wing-sheng, Class 7B: Chan Mui-yuk, Class 7C: Chan Po-yee, Class 8A: Tsang Lai-kwan, Class 8B: Li Yinyu, Class 8C: Lai Kwai-wah, Class 8D: Ho To-to, Standard IIIA: Cheung Wai-sun, Standard IIIB: Chan Mo-li, Standard IIIC: Poon Yee-hoi, Standard IIA: Tsang Sam-nui, Standard IIB: Chan King-yu, Standard I: Chui Yin-sun.

Prizes for Chinese Subjects.—
Class 1: Yim Hang-ho, Class 2: Pok Kum-ho, Class 3: Lo Yuk-chun, Class 4: Lo Hing-hing, Class 5: Hui Lok-yip, Class 6: Kwok Sui-ying, Remove: Cheung Hung-yung, Leung Shuk-ching, and Cheung Hung-chun, Class 7A: Sung Yuk-chung, Chung Mu-sung, and Tsang In-kee, Class 7B: Chan Po-ching, Chan Mui-yuk, and Leung Tak-fong, Class 7C: Lun Kum-fong, Sui Po-hing, and Chan Po-yee, Class 8A: Lo Kit-wan, Tsang Lai-kwan, and Lam Yuet-wa, Class 8B: Pok Yuk-yip, Chan Wing-ching, and Chan Wai-ching, Class 8C: Mok Po-sun, Fan Lai-chun, and Ng Chu-hing, Class 8D: Cheung Oi-king, Cheung Wan-chee, and Tsui Wai-chun, Standard IIIA: Yeung Tsoi-lau, Sit Meek-king, and Ngan Pui-fung, Standard IIIB: Tum Wan-fong, Fong Sui-oi, and Yeung Wing-fung, Standard IIIC: Poon Yee-hoi, Chan Yim-hing, and Ma Yee-man, Standard IIA: Poon Shui-yui, Cheung Chee-chun, and Lee Piek-yung, Standard IIB: Ma Chee-kin, Cheung Lai-ching, and Chung Oi-ying, Standard I: Chan Kum-yung, Lee Yuen-fun, and Wong Shuk-hing.

Vernacular Scholarships:—
Lau Shui-king, Fung Po-king, Yuen King, Lau Wai-hing, Ng Hing-yui, Ng Look-mui, Lai Sau-king, Ho Woon-king, Tsui Shui-chee, Ng Tak-wan, Chan Pook-ho, and Chu Kam-ping.

The Hon. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, who was extended sincere wishes by the school for a good journey home in his retirement and a long and prosperous life, responded by congratulating the school for its success and saying that he was sorry to say farewell.

TAIKOO CLUB BALL. A SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

The Taikoo Club's annual ball last night will be long remembered. The guests, numbering about 350, danced merrily into the small hours of the morning and at closing time, though they were reluctant to give up, voted unanimously that the affair had been a great success and that it would be hard to wait another year for the next. The Club was a blaze of light, the guest being greeted outside by a pretty display of Chinese lanterns. The staircase was adorned with bunting, flags and greenery through which electric lights twinkled giving a warm welcome and at the head of the stairs, which proved a convenient place for the reception of the guests, there had been a transformation, an ingenious arrangement of foliage and trellis work adding a pleasing touch to the scene and creating an atmosphere of cheerfulness which put the guests in an excellent humour straightaway.

The dominating colours in the ball room were red and gold. Streamers hung from the ceiling, red and gold lights shed a warm glow on the merry crowd beneath and in the windows plants of all kinds mingled harmoniously with the general colour scheme. On the wall was the illuminated sign of the firm above which were the words "Taikoo Club" and beneath, hung a portrait of the King which was draped with the flags of the British Mercantile Marine and the Taikoo Dock. To accommodate the many guests, the adjacent mess room had been converted into a sitting-out room. The billiard room acted as a supper room and bar which was screened off, and the library served as the ladies' light refreshment room. The general scheme of decorations showed that the committee had a fine sense of artistry.

The honoured guest was Mr. G. Warren Swire who had just arrived in the Colony during a tour of the East. Other well known residents present were Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Greig, Mr. H. C. Resker and Mrs. Resker, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cock, Lieut.-Col. Conway Hake, R.N., Mr. Percy Cox, Mr. W. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland and others.

The well selected dance programme proved very popular and there were many demands for encores. The Hongkong Hotel band often obliging. The Scotch Music provided by Piper Ferguson and Drummer R. B. Bell was a feature of the evening.

ALLEGED FOOTPADS. TWO COUNTRYSIDE EVENTS.

Charged with having been joint principals in two recent highway robberies on the Stanley Road, two Chinese were remanded in custody, by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Divisional Inspector C. F. Aris said that the loot on the first occasion amounted to \$104.03. In the second case a purse and 70 cents were taken. All the property had been recovered by the police. Defendants were arrested together at the Wong Nei Chong Gap station. It was also alleged that the first accused had all the stolen property with him expect the purse and \$2 which it was claimed, was on the other man.

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NEWS FOR BUSY MEN. CABLES.

Major-General A.R.H. Hutchison succeeds Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Blumberg as Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines on March 31.

A Madrid message states that Mateo and Nicolau who were sentenced to death for complicity in the murder of Premier Dato in March, 1921, have been pardoned.

Unconfirmed reports have reached Socialist quarters in Berlin that Trotsky has resigned all posts and that Kameneff has been appointed as his temporary successor on the Revolutionary War Council. It is reported that General Budienny is the prospective commander of the army.

GENERAL.

New York—Foreigners in the last few years have been swindled out of approximately \$12,000,000 by fraudulent real estate operators selling undeveloped marsh lands within a 50-mile radius of New York City. James G. Wilson, assistant district attorney, testified before a legislative committee investigating immigrant exploitation.

Tokyo—Six hundred and sixty persons have been convicted of profiteering in Japan since the earthquake, according to a recent official report. Altogether the police have dealt with 3,660 cases, but 1,145 of those accused were sent off with a warning, the rest being dealt with in various ways.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

EX-ACTIVE SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION. (1914-1918).

THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Club Rooms on TUESDAY, January 22nd, at 5.30 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND.

YOUNG MEN'S ISLAMIC SOCIETY.

THE Committee and Members of the Young Men's Islamic Society request the pleasure of the attendance of the Muslim Community at the Opening Ceremony of the Society's premises at No. 2 Percival Street, on SUNDAY, January 20th 1924 at 10.30 a.m., and at Maulood Sharif in the Masjid on the same day at 8.30 p.m.

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Shanghai, April 3, 1918.

Fish.			
Barbel.—Kai Yu	..	1h.	38
Bream.—Pin Yu	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	39
Hol Sin Yu	..	..	22
Carr.—Li Yu	..	..	18
Catfish.—Chik Yu	..	..	30
Codfish.—Mun Yu	..	..	44
Crabs.—Hui	..	..	20
Cuttle Fish.—Mat Yu	..	..	46
Dab.—Sha Man	..	..	23
Dace.—Wong Mat Lap	..	..	55
Dog Fish.—Tui Sho	..	..	12
Eels, Ungoro.—Hoi Man	..	..	16
Free Water.—San Shai Yu	..	..	32
Yellow.—Wong Sha	..	..	18
Frog.—Tui Kal	..	..	20
Garoopa.—Shek Pan	..	..	45
Gudgeon.—Pak Kap Yu	..	..	30
Hairings.—Tui Pak	..	..	28
Hallbut.—Cheung Kwan Kap	..	..	12
Labrus.—Fong Fa Yu	..	..	22
Loach.—Wu Yu	..	..	22
Lobetars.—Lung Yu	..	..	50
Mackerel.—Dai Yu	..	..	32
Mud Fish.—Moog Yu	..	..	30
Mullet.—Tui Yu	..	..	28
Oryzias.—Shang Ho	..	..	34
Parrot Fish.—Kai Kung Yu	..	..	22
Parch.—Yao Lo	..	..	16
Pike.—Pa Pan Fong	..	..	20
Plaice.—Pan Yun	..	..	18
Pomfret, Black.—Hak Chong	..	..	28
Pomfret, White, Pak Chong	..	..	25
Prawns.—Ming Yu	..	..	36
Ray.—Fai Fa Sha	..	..	30
Rock Fish.—Shek Kuo Kung	..	..	10
Rock Fish.—Chau Yu	..	..	12
Salmon.—Ma Yu	..	..	22
Shark.—Sha Yu	..	..	39
Shake.—Fo Yu	..	..	33
Shrimps.—Ha	..	..	12
Snapper.—Lap Yu	..	..	8
Soles.—Tui Sha Yu	..	..	55
Tench.—Wai Yu	..	..	28
Turbot.—Tui Ho Yu	..	..	28
Turbot, small fresh	..	..	30
Wong Yu	..	..	18

Artichokes, — Ah Chi Cheuk	10	8
Beans, Sprout, — Hye Tso...	b 5	8
" Long, — Yao Koo	13	8
Beet Root, — Hung Tsoi Tso	10	6
Bitter Squash, — Fa Kwa	10	8
Brinjals, Green, — Ching Yau Kwa	8	9
" Red, — Hye Kwa	8	8
Cabbage Chinese, (common),		
" Red Tsoi	5	12
" (Shanghai) — Yao Tsoi	12	12
Cans Shoots, bunch, — Kuan Shan	4	9
Cauliflower (Large), — Yao Tsoi	10	—
(Medium)	13	—
(Small)	10	—
Cassia, — Kam Shan	lb 8	8
Celery Chinese, — Tong Kan Tsoi	10	8
Chillies, Dried, — Kon Lai Chia	30	25
" Red, — Hung Fa Chia	12	10
" Green, — Ching Lai Chia	12	8
Curry Stuff, English, — Ka Lai Chai	lb 10	10
Cucumbers, — Ching Kwa	10	8
Garlic, — Sun Tan	lb 8	8
Ginger young, — Sun Tso Keng	10	7
Ginger, old, — Lo Keng	10	10
Homestead, Shanghai, — Lai Kan	25	45
Indian Corn, — Shuk Mei	10	6
Lettuce, — Yeung Shing Tsoi	lb 6	1
Water Chestnut, — Ma Tai	lb 10	8
" Mandarin, — Kwal		
" Lam Mei Lai	12	10
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Shang Tso Kan	10	8
Okross — Fan Shu	b 8	10
Onions, Bombay, — Yeung Ching Tan	8	3
Onions, Green, — Shang Chung	lb 6	8
Onions, Shanghai, — Sheng-hoi		
" Chung Tsoi	8	5
Panley, — Kun Tsoi	30	60
Potato, Sweet, — Fan Shu	10	5
" Y. japonica, — Yai Fun Shu Tai	5	3
" American, — Fa Ki Shu Tai	lb 8	10
Pumpkins, — Tung Kwa	lb 5	3
Radish, — Hang Lo Pak Tai	5	5
Rhubarb (Fresh), — Tai Wong	8	10
Shallots, — Keng Chong Tai	8	8
Spinach, — Yin Tsoi	8	4
Tomatoes, — Fan Ka	lb 6	7
Taro, — Wu Tai	5	5
Turnip, Peak, (Long), — Lo Pak	5	4
Vegetable Marrow, — Tai Kwa	10	15
Water Cress, — Si Young Tsoi	8	16
" Lily root, — Loh Ngan	10	8
Yam Tai Sheng	5	

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Ogrym" sailed from Vancouver on Dec. 16 and is expected here tomorrow.
The H. S. s.s. "Solace" is due here on Jan. 21 at 6-8 a.m.
The B. F. s.s. "Agapenor" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 16 for this port and is due here on Jan. 22.
The A.O.L. s.s. "President McKinley" arrived at Hongkong from Seattle on Jan. 17, she sailed from this port to-day at 8 a.m. and is due to arrive Hongkong on Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. She sails for Manila on Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.
The B. L. s.s. "Bendigo" from Melbourne, Antwerp and London left Singapore on about Jan. 16.

For this port on Jan. 16 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Jan. 22.
The B. F. s.s. "Phenice" left Liverpool on Dec. 22 for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Changhai and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 22.
The A.O.L. s.s. "Bakerfield" which is due at this port on Feb. 3 sailed from Seattle on Dec. 29 on schedule.
The B. F. s.s. "Fremont" left Liverpool on Dec. 29 for Singapore, Hongkong and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 30.
The B. F. s.s. "Demodoc" left Liverpool on Dec. 29 for Singapore, Hongkong and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 30.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, January 17.
A few members of the House of Commons yesterday were aware of the issue of Mr. Churchill's manifesto, which caused a flutter in political circles where the content became known.
Sympathisers with Mr. Churchill's viewpoint are of the opinion that his eloquent hour intervention is too late to affect Liberal wavering, as Liberal members of the House of Commons are generally undoubtedly delighted with Mr. Asquith's speech, and Labourites still anticipate an Opposition majority of at least seventy on Monday night.

Whips of all parties have warned members not to leave London for the week-end, as the railway strike, which is now regarded as inevitable, may prevent them from returning in time for the division.

LONDON, January 17.
Mr. Thomas resumed the debate on the Address to a thin house. He said the Labour Party did not regret and were not going to apologise for their association with the Internationalists. Labour had resolved to spare no effort to give the world and civilisation a common organisation which would bring the people together and enable them to understand each other. The more they understood each other the more difficult it would be for other people to plunge them into war. (Loud Labour cheers.) He declared that British prestige had never been lowered so much as it was to-day.

BRITISH RAILWAY DISPUTE.

LONDON, January 17th.
An important circular was issued by the National Union of Railwaymen this morning, signed by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Champ. It declares that it is incumbent upon all members of the union to realise that the honour and prestige of the union is at stake, and any member ceasing work is a blackleg to the signature of his accredited representatives and a traitor to the decision of the special general meeting.
The circular appeals to members to be loyal to the union and the great causes of trade unionism and collective bargaining.

"CLAN KENNEDY" ASHORE.

Advices from North Foreland state that the steamer "Clan Kennedy" is badly ashore on Sizewell Bank and is bumping badly. The main engine is broken but prospects for salvage are good provided the weather moderates.
It is understood that the vessel is insured for £59,500. She was loaded with nickel ore from Pagumene for Glasgow and copra from Papeete for Hamburg.

FIUME AGREEMENT.

ROME, January 17.
A semi-official announcement says that an Italo-Yugo-Slav agreement regarding Fiume will be signed at Rome shortly. The agreement does not comprise the cession of any Adriatic islands nor rectification of the Julian frontier. The agreement will be followed by a treaty of friendship of such a nature as will not cause alarm in any other country.

DAMAGED DUTCH STEAMER.

LONDON, January 17.
Advices from Blackwall state that the Dutch steamer "Holendrecht" which was beached after a collision with the steamer "Corea," has been refloated and docked.

ELECTIONS IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, January 17.
The Cabinet has resigned, but the King has requested the Premier to continue in office until His Majesty has returned from his visit to Suez Canal on January 25, when he will undoubtedly summon Zaghlul Pasha.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Hongkong, 20th January 1924.
2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
Holy Communion (8 a.m.).
Children's Service (10 a.m.).
Evangelist: St. John.
Matins (11 a.m.).
Responses: Feril: Venite, Forster (1st Morning); Psalm: 138; Te Deum: Jones; Canticles: Cambridge (1st Morning); Benediction: No. 11; Atwood: Hymns: 273, 81, God Save the King.
Holy Communion (12 noon).
Evening (6 p.m.).
Responses: Feril: Psalm, 68 (Woodward); Cantic: Luke: 11, 22, 23; Magnificat: Goss (7th Evening); Nine Lessons: Walker (8th Evening); Hymns: 164, 167, 81.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Macdonnell Road, Below Bowen Road, Sham Shui Po Station.
Sunday: 11.15 a.m.
Wednesday: 8.45 p.m.

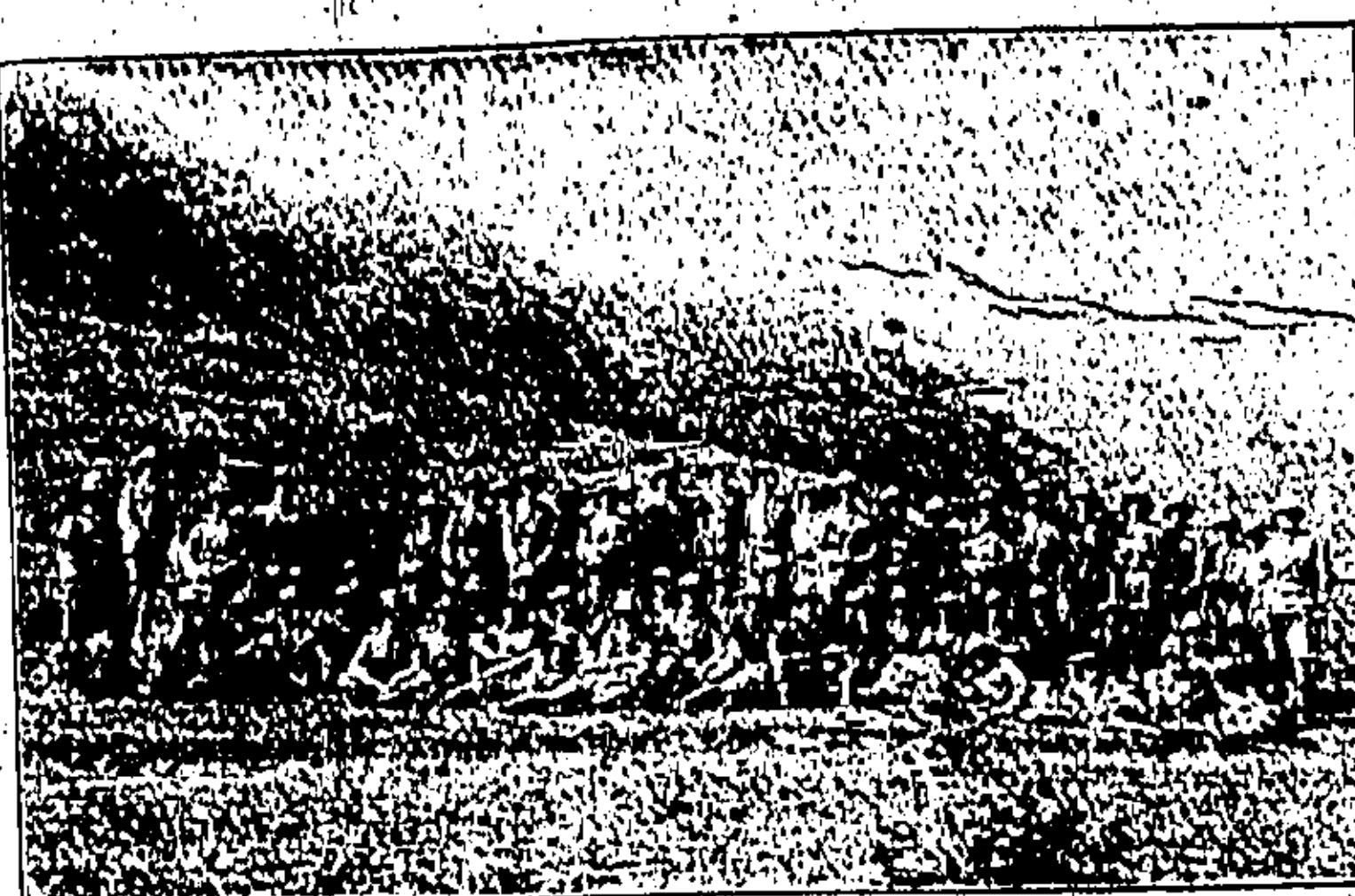


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Hongkong Volunteers in Camp.



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Hongkong Volunteers—Machine Gun Section.



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Sir Robert Ho Tung with the prominent citizens and students who bade him adieu from the wharf when he left Shanghai for Hongkong after completing his work in the North for the round table conference.

COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The thirty-fifth report of the Board of Directors states:—
The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The net profits for the year, after providing for all directors' and auditors' fees amount to \$4,034,186.38 which with the amount brought forward from last year \$3,231,700.49 gives an amount available for division of \$7,265,886.87.

From this amount an interim dividend of \$5.00 per share on 50,000 shares (\$500,000.00) has already been paid leaving a balance of \$6,965,886.87 available for appropriation which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share to Old Shareholders (Nos. 40,001-240,000) \$ 300,000.00
To pay a Bonus of \$2.00 per share to Old Shareholders (Nos. 40,001-240,000) 400,000.00
To pay a Dividend of \$2.50 per share to New Shareholders (Nos. 1-40,000) 100,000.00
To pay a Bonus to Staff 8,000.00
To place to Reserve Account 5,000,000.00
To carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account 157,886.87
\$6,965,886.87

Directors.—Mr. Hector Sassoon having resigned, Mr. A. S. Gubbay was invited to fill the vacancy. This appointment now requires confirmation. Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Sir Robert Ho Tung now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Linstead and Davis offer themselves for re-election.
After 25 years' service with the White Star Line, Capt. Albert Summers, who during the war, when in a transport, was captured by the Germans and imprisoned for two years, is about to retire.

A rising of Indians at El Guachillo, in the Salto Province of the Argentine, is reported to have resulted in the slaughtering of many houses and two casualties: police reinforcements are being rushed thither.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The twenty-second report of the Board of Directors states:—
The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1923.

The net profits for the year, after writing off all directors' and auditors' fees amount to \$556,152.18 which with \$172,978.57 brought forward from last account gives an amount available for distribution of \$529,130.75. It is now proposed:—

To pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid up Capital \$65,625.00
A Bonus of \$10.00 per share 125,000.00
And to carry forward the Balance 338,505.75
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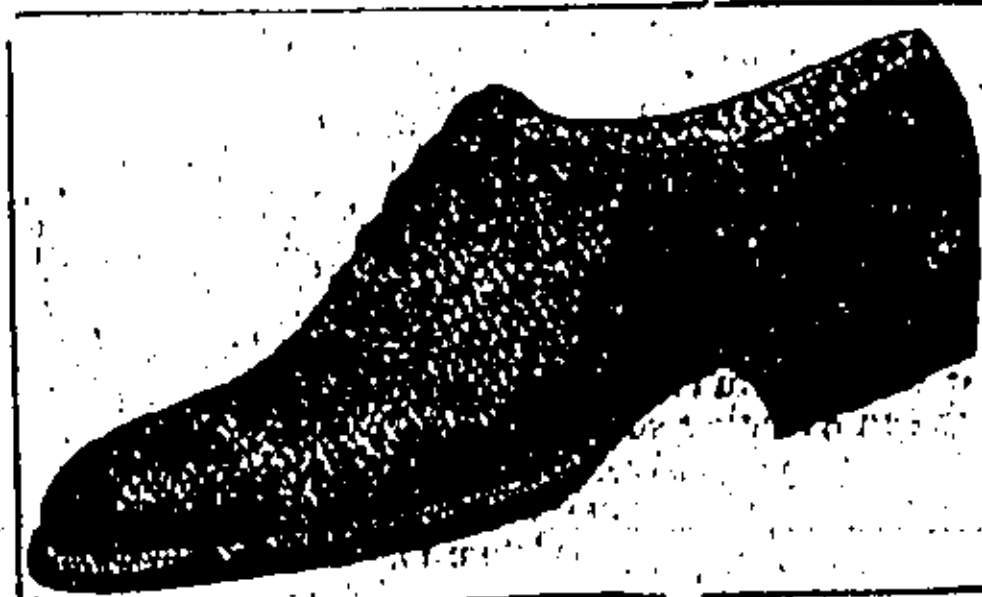
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TO-NIGHT.

Coronet. — "Quincy Adams Sawyer."

World. — "So Long Lolly."

Star. — "What Every Woman Knows."

Grand. —

"THE LADDER OF LIES."

ETHEL CLAYTON'S LATEST TRIUMPH.

Have you ever climbed a ladder that rested in soft earth or on an unsteady foundation and felt it sway under you as you climbed upward?

This same illustration can be applied to the ladder of life. Before people start climbing upward to happiness or prosperity, or any other desirable state, they should first be certain that the ladder rests on a firm foundation which will not give way and cause it to fall when they have nearly reached the top.

Just, briefly, is the theme of Ethel Clayton's new Paramount Aircraft-starring vehicle, "The Ladder of Lies," which will be shown at the Star Theatre to-morrow. In this production, Miss Clayton (as Ethel Parrish), a young illustrator, who seeks to present Peter Quince, from climbing a ladder of happiness, which is founded on the deceit and lies of the woman he has married. But the husband believes she is innocent and suspects instead, the girl who is trying to help him.

The story is filled with interest and moral force, and culminates in a delightful and happy romance. Miss Clayton is supported by an excellent cast of players, which includes Clyde Fillmore, Jane Acker, Irving Cummings, Richard Shilling and Ruth Ashby. Tom Forman directed and William Marshall was photographer.

POPULAR CONNIE.

"SAVE US FROM OUR FRIENDS."

Constance Talmadge's friends are going to sign a petition asking her to stop driving her auto on the more populous New York streets. The daily-ride is so popular that it's really risky driving with her, so friends state.

There seem to be three direct causes for action on the part of Connie's friends. In the first place, Miss Talmadge is generally recognized by scores of pedestrians and motorists. All sorts of greetings are flung at her, and Miss Talmadge answers each. Stealing a high-powered car and attempting to the aforementioned details is not exactly easy on the nerves of those who happen to be riding in the car, so it is said.

Another reason is because Miss Talmadge is forced to stop along the curb a number of times to greet her many personal friends. This causes delay, and people with appointments are apt to wind up at their destinations anywhere from fifteen minutes to two hours later.

The third and most important reason is that Connie refuses to take driving seriously. This applies specifically to changing gears, and more particularly and acutely to turning corners. As one of her friends said:

"Connie usually turns corners on two wheels, and one of 'em is the steering wheel."

CINEMA CHATTER.



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS
"The Molliecoddle"

MOTOR CARAVAN.

VISIT TO DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

Seventy-five men and women from various Eastern points, mostly New York, recently spent a day at the Studio of Douglas Fairbanks in Hollywood, inspecting and marveling at the huge sets which he has built for his forthcoming motion picture feature "The Thief of Bagdad."

They were members of what is said to be the first motorized coast-to-coast procession. There were thirty-five privately-owned automobiles in the caravan, despatched westward some weeks ago by a New York newspaper. After an adventurous thirty-six day journey the party reached "Trails End" at Santa Monica, the beach city near Hollywood. A day at Hollywood proved to the tourists that the big sets for the elaborate Fairbanks seven tale with the Arabian Nights background are the sky-ground of filmland.

The party was headed by Syl MacDowell, formerly a well known feature writer of motion picture subjects.

"Villain" was understood. In five minutes the "strikes" were on their way to the depot. Beery was in the kitchen and with him nearly every member of the company. Salt and pepper and everything was being handled as it never had been before.

An hour later supper was served. No one complained and the discharged help was not missed.

Doug then called for volunteers who would enter the kitchen and do a little dish washing, etc., and all hands responded.

While this particular happening is not a part of "The Molliecoddle" those who partook of the supper in question and many other meals to be served in the picture and Doug is proud of their work.

ELMO LINCOLN.

FAMOUS TARZAN NOW BLACKSMITH.

Elmo Lincoln, famous in pictures as "Tarzan," and strong man of renown, plays the village blacksmith in the Metro-SL Special screen version of "Quincy Adams Sawyer." Clarence G. Badger has directed the picture.

Like many other successful motion picture players, Mr. Lincoln started his career as a member of the D. W. Griffith forces, appearing in "The Birth of a Nation."

Mirth!
Mystery!
Thrills!
ONE - - -
EXCITING
NIGHT - -

"Intolerance." Later he was starred in the Tarzan pictures, "Tarzan of the Apes" and "The Romance of Tarzan." He also has the leading role in "The Benchmarker," one of Rex Ingram's early pictures.

Mr. Lincoln is one of the large cast of notables who appear in Bernard McConville's screen adaptation of Charles Pelton Pidgeon's famous novel. Louise Fazenda, Hank Mann, Victor Potel, Gale Henry, Billy Franey and Harry Depp may, when their names are listed, sound like the roster on a Sennett comedy de luxe. Others are Blanche Sweet, Barbara La Marr, John Bowers, Lon Chaney, and June Elvidge.

MAN-MADE.

REMARKABLE MOVIE HURRICANE.

D. W. GRIFFITH'S GREATEST STORM SCENE.

Charles Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, recently added to his fame by artificially creating a thunderstorm in his laboratory and hurling lightning bolts to and fro. Now come D. W. Griffith with a new picture, "One Exciting Night," a United Artists release, in which an artificial storm is brought into being, not in a small laboratory and under a glass case, but over an area of several acres of open land and a hundred feet in the air. Steinmetz shattered a block of wood with his lightning bolts. Griffith hurls down tree many feet in diameter and blows away a house with his hurricane. Steinmetz believed his results by science—Griffith by ingenuity.

Just how he obtained his spectacular result was a difficult thing to draw from Griffith. But when it was pointed out that any one can see an ordinary storm from a window and that a man-made storm is the greater curiosity, he consented to the revelation of his secret.

Certain scenes in the picture are advertised as having been taken during a tornado which swept New York taking a heavy toll of lives and property, and this is true.

Camera men were rushed out from the studios of the company at the height of the storm to record the spectacle of mighty trees bowing before the blast or crushing to the earth, and obtained a remarkable piece of film.

When it came to weaving a plot around and introducing characters into these scenes, however, the film experts in the Griffith laboratories confessed their limitations. It had first been proposed to take a separate film and after recording the action of the storm on it, to superimpose it on the storm film, thus getting the background desired.

Is A Lie Ever Justified?

Edith Parrish takes the blame upon herself for a false wife's escapades to find that she has destroyed her own happiness.

See

ETHEL CLAYTON

— in —

THE LADDER OF LIES

TO-MORROW AT

THE STAR

While this might have been done, it would have restricted the plot in many ways. It therefore became necessary to devise an artificial storm so perfect that its scenes could be intermingled with those of the actual storm without the dividing line being discovered.

The first problem was to find a location for the cameras which would enable them to show the effect of the gale on giant trees from top to bottom at close range. To get this perspective it was necessary to erect a line of platforms fifty feet in the air along the edge of a patch of woodland.

On each of these a camera man was stationed to catch the characters as they struggled against the "storm" and into his field of vision. The second problem was to indicate the strength of the blast by making trees bend and fall before it. The bending was accomplished by attaching wires to the treetops and stationing gangs of men "off-stage" to pull them over in unison on signal. To make it possible for large trees to be pulled down entirely, tunnels were dug beneath them to undermine their roots.

Rain was comparatively simple matter and accomplished by a battery of fire hoses at one end of the location some of them operated from towers a hundred feet high to give their streams the required range. Most important of all, since it was needed to co-ordinate the other elements, was an actual wind of tremendous force.

Imagine twenty electric fans, each twelve feet high and with its air current increased in direct proportion to its size, and you will understand why the characters in "One Exciting Night" leaned forward at an angle of forty-five degrees in making their way against this breeze while broken off branches whistled by their heads.

The fans were not driven by electricity but by Liberty motors, commanded from airplanes for the purpose. Their blast was intensified by directing it through long wooden tunnels.

Wires again had to be employed in removing the house piecemeal which in the picture is apparently blown away by the tornado. To accomplish this a huge staging was constructed, and a little to leeward of it, so that when the roof and finally the main body of the house

itself were lifted, they would swing out of the picture.

All the scenes had to be taken at night with the aid of powerful searchlights stimulating lightning flashes. The darkness greatly increased the difficulty of directing the army of workmen required to manipulate the "props" from points outside the picture.

When the prodigious amount of labour involved in preliminary work alone, is considered, the familiar press-agent claim of "a million dollar picture" seems not at all a figment of the imagination.

"MYSTERY" PICTURE.

HARDEST TO MAKE, SAYS GRIFFITH.

FAMOUS PRODUCER'S LATEST FILM SENSATION.

For D. W. Griffith to have done a mystery story in "One Exciting Night," a United Artists release, is one of the interesting surprises of the present season. So accustomed has the Griffith public become to his spectacles and powerful dramas, that it is difficult to reconcile with his customary work this humorous, quick-twisting plot of mystery.

And as to how adaptable the mystery story is to the screen, Mr. Griffith has this to say:

"Will the mystery story be popular among producers of pictures? I might answer, do people like to work?"

"For the mystery play is one of the most difficult of all plots to portray in pantomime.

"The camera is much more resourceful than the stage to introduce mystery effects. Its greatest handicap is the terror and fright and suspense that the voice can express on the stage.

"You will find by reading your history of the stage that 'terror plays,' as they were called, have ever been popular in English drama. They began with the famous old Walpole play, 'The Castle of Otranto,' and have appeared with growing ingenuity ever since.

"The modern twist to the mystery play is to have the audience as well as the characters mystified as to the source of peril. In the old plays, it was the characters of the play who were uncertain; and the audience always knew the source of danger.

"As I said, the mystery play is one of the most difficult undertakings for the screen. The reason for this is that you must find the exact center of clearness and mystery; that the action may still be mysterious to the quick-minded, therefore not over-emphasized; and yet be emphasized enough so the slow-minded in the audience can grasp it.

"In a stage play, the voice can carry the urgency of a situation to even the slowest guest; but the picture must depend upon the visual reaction.

"To an exceptionally quick-minded person, a screen mystery story may always seem obvious; but that is necessary to insure the slower element grasping it at all.

"It is unsound to judge pictures from the stage standard. We of the screen show our stories to millions; and producers are just as incompetent when their stories are too subtle for the great audience as they are incompetent when their stories are futile.

"I think there will be a flood of mystery stories. The public wants them. That is because there is a great need of thrills to offset in some degree the placidity of life since the enormous thrills of the war. Further, accustomed to terrors during the war, the audience is not so sensitive as it was before the war. A murder is only a piece of thrills now, whereas before it was a horror and an agony."

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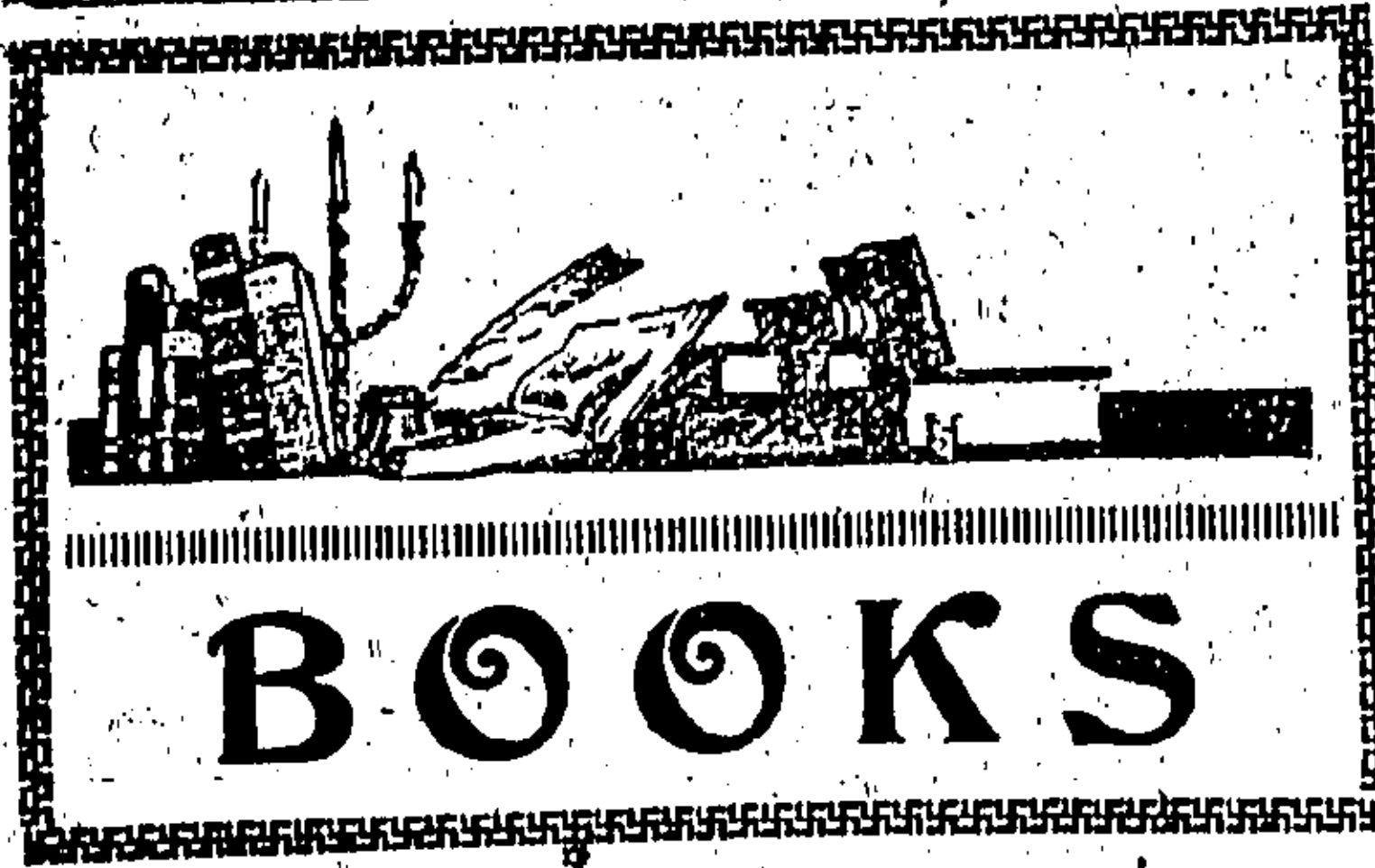
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A single photograph can convey more to the mind than whole volumes of written history—particularly when the subject is war and the manner in which it is waged. So that, fascinating as its predecessors have been, the latest volumes of "The Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918," which aims at presenting as far as possible a complete authentic pictorial narrative of the young Commonwealth's splendid war effort, is likely to prove, for the stay-at-home anyhow, one of the most illuminating of the series.

Though later infringement of the order was made a serious court martial offence, the embargo on cameras was not strictly enforced during the Gallipoli campaign. Consequently officers and men were able to secure some very fine trench snapshots many of which have found their way into this volume. For other photographs of this phase of the Australians' campaign the editors have had to rely on those taken by the Official War Correspondent of the A.I.F., Capt. Bean, since no official photographer was appointed for the Australians until November, 1916, by which time the scene of action had shifted to France.

Numerous battle photographs were published, of course, during the war but these naturally were selected for their propaganda value and for this purpose pictures of certain operations, especially on the Somme, were in some of their aspects manifestly unsuitable. Experience soon taught the Australian

Official Photographer, (Capt. J. F. Hurley) and his assistant (Capt. G. H. Wilkins) that the obtaining of photographs for historical record, and the taking of them for propaganda were conflicting activities and so one devoted himself to the latter work while the other endeavored to secure a complete record of the fighting and other activities of the A.I.F.

But the editors have not been content among their 753 illustrations merely to reproduce the battle scenes with which these intrepid cameramen have secured—for posterity an imperishable record of what the Australian soldiers achieved and suffered in the war. They have looked behind the scenes and included at the end of the volume a series of photographs which give some evidence of the endurance of Australian women during the struggle. "While in the case of every nation involved," points out a preface note, "the women suffered piteously, in no country have they ever sent their men so distant a war as did those of Australia and New Zealand in this one. Although some few of these pictures afford a faint indication of the joy of those whose men returned to them, no representation can be given of the suffering of those hundreds of thousands for whom there was no such home coming."

To the campaigner, whatever the force he served with, who knows his Gallipoli, his Somme or his Hindenburg line, the volume will prove second indeed in memories and recollections. To the general reader it is rich in interest and enlightenment and it forms a valuable addition to our store of authentic war history.

"Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918. Vol. XII. Photographic Record of the War. Angus and Robertson, Sydney. 21s."

A CHINESE FLOWER-BOOK.

In 1788 Ch'en Hsiao-tzu, who lived beside the Western Lake at Hangchow, and called himself the Flower Hermit, published a gossip little work on gardening and country pursuits, under the title of "The Mirror of Flowers." It is the type of a class often to be seen in the hands of Chinese readers. The preface was written by himself:

"From my youth upwards I have cared for nothing save books and flowers. Twenty-eight thousand days have passed over my head, the greater part of which has been spent in poring over old records, and the remainder in enjoying myself in my garden among plants and birds."

The Chinese excel in horticulture, and the passionate love of flowers which prevails among all classes is quite a national characteristic. A Chinaman, however, has his own particular standpoint. The vulgar nossgay or the photographic bouquet would have no charms for him. He can see, with satisfaction, only one flower at a time. His best vases are made to hold a single spray, and large vases usually have covers perforated so as to isolate each specimen. A primrose by the river's brim would be to him a complete poem. If condemned to a sedentary life, he likes to have a flower by his side on the table. He draws enjoyment, even inspiration, from its petals. He will take a flower out for a walk, and stop every now and again to consider the loveliness of its growth. So with birds. It is a common thing on a pleasant evening to meet a Chinaman on the end of a short stick. He will stop at some pleasant corner outside the town, and listen with rapture to the bird's song. But to the profane. Our author refers to thrush, kite, quail, magpie, swallow, deer, hare, monkey, dog, cat, squirrel, goldfish—first mentioned by Su Shih.

"Upon this bridge the livelong day I stand, and watch the goldfish play."

bee, butterfly, glowworm, etc. Altogether there is much to be learnt from this Chinese White of Selborne, and the reader lays down the book feeling that the writer is not far astray when he says, "If a home has not a garden and an old tree, I see not whence the everyday joys of life are to come."—Ch'en Hsiao-tzu (Eleventh Century) Translated by Herbert A. Giles.

AMERICA SIZES UP ROME.

George Meredith was, on the whole, an indifferent poet, but when he speaks of "Cavour, Mazzini, Garibaldi; These

"Her brain, her soul, her sword; . . . he strikes at once to the root of the difficulty of "Understanding Italy." The American and his kindred in Great Britain too readily regard Rome as a typical Italian, and picture his supposed descendant a lazy caretaker of the world's museum.

He is not. Italy, to-day, is a country whose inspiration flows from her struggle for freedom of sixty years ago; she uses the more ancient background for dramatic effect because it happens to be there. The author of this volume under review attempts to show (primarily to his own countrymen) wherein lies the factors whose force must be assessed before "understanding" leads to the more solid results of commercial and social friendship. He quotes Taft—"unless everybody prospers, nobody prospers"—and emphasizes that help from America is the only way in which the fashionable game of "saving Europe" may be brought to any other than a bloody conclusion.

The new figure of Mussolini heralds the choice of a people for an honest policy of "Italy for the Italians" rather than the "Italy for Myself" of the politicians before August, 1922, and the "Italy for Moscow" of the Bolsheviks whom he supplanted. It is impossible to describe at length the trickeries and treacheries of the old régime, or the brutalities of the terrible time in 1920 when, unhindered by a weak Government, the Red workers seized the factories of North Italy. It must suffice to say that a large part of the strength of Mussolini's position is due to the reaction from these two periods to the honesty of Fascism.

Mr. Clayton Cooper gives an immense number of facts and statistics in a form easy to assimilate. The pressing need for new fields of activity for Italy's over-increasing man-power, the rise in the last two decades of industrial Italy, with the use of water-power to an extent unimagined for the size of the country, the development of shipping and parallel growth of foreign trade, all receive due description and discussion. He touches upon the frankly Imperialistic attitude which Italy takes up in such world councils as she attends, and her

readiness to act for herself and not suddenly, effectively, where others had been content to make a gesture. If this clarity of outlook has disadvantages, jeopardises sometimes the security of Europe, snatches advantages and holds them, it is at any rate better to know what to expect than to meet with sanctimonious protestations of good intentions which are not intended to be carried out. Italy bombards Corfu, and gains her point. Great Britain sends a fleet round the world, and nobody is interested. It is the difference between honest force and bluff. For none imagine that Great Britain will fight unless she is attacked—Italy and France are the only two European nations outside Russia who could run a war of respectable size to-day.

If the classicists regret the loss of their vision—a vine-garlanded contending resting forever in Italy's "eternal afternoon"—the statesmen will at least welcome a factor in European politics whose incidence is more easily calculated than the machinations of a Metetrach or the drivellings of a Hohenzollern.

K. WESTMACOTT LANE.
[Understanding Italy. By Clayton Cooper. London. John Long. 15/-.]

CHURCHILL

The World Crisis, by the Rt. Hon. Winston S. Churchill, Vol. II (Thornton, Butterworth, Ltd., 30s. net).—It was generally admitted that the first volume of Mr. Winston Churchill's book on the war was of outstanding interest and importance, and his second volume just published more than confirms the popular estimate, and makes it clearer than ever that for eloquence, dramatic power and vivid narrative, it will be permanently recognised as definitely outdistancing all others. It is as might have been expected mainly occupied with the story of the unfortunate Dardanelles Expedition, for the plan of which Mr. Churchill was himself principally responsible, and for the failure of which he naturally had to bear most of the blame. In his book he makes no attempt to shirk or to minimise this important issue, and he takes special care to defend the plan of which he was the chief author,

and to clear himself of responsibility for its failure. For the plan itself he makes no excuses, but strenuously maintains that it was rightly conceived and should have succeeded. The blame for its failure he places on Lord Kitchener, Lord Fisher and the first Coalition Government. He emphasises the fact that for its success immediate action was essential, while in fact delay after delay took place. That while three divisions could have occupied Gallipoli in February, in August fourteen proved insufficient, and Mr. Churchill's account of General Monro's visit and his recommendation to evacuate is in the last degree sarcastically effective. "Monro was," says the book, "an officer of swift decision. He came, he saw, he capitulated. . . . Without going beyond the beaches he familiarised himself in six hours with conditions on the 15 mile front, and spoke a few discouraging words to the principal officers at each point." Of Lord Kitchener he is almost equally contemptuous. He

was never over-ruled, seldom even argued with, and dominated the situation absolutely. He was, in fact, an overworked and obstinate old bureaucrat who could only live from hand to mouth, and under the circumstances had to yield to conflicting forces and competing policies. Lord Fisher, as to the navy, was timid and dilatory, and his dramatic resignation was the fatal factor in the miserable business. Mr. Churchill makes it fairly clear that he was generally right, as we can now see after the event, and it is interesting to note that in his view if Mr. Asquith, who throughout supported the policy, had refused the demand from the coalition, and fought the question out, he would have won and the course of subsequent history materially altered. There is much more that might be said about Mr. Churchill's very remarkable book, but space forbids. Our readers will all be eager to read the book themselves, and the controversies it raises will excite general interest for some time to come.

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She is a wonderful swimmer and diver and still spends a great deal of her time in a swimming pool when she is away from the studio at Universal City, where she is now under contract.

When she was shown a working script for "The Wild Party," her latest starring vehicle, which will be shown at the World Theatre, on Sunday, she gave a joyous exclamation.

"Hurrah! Look what I have to do!" she said.

She pointed to a sequence in the play calling for several swimming and diving stunts.

Herbert Blache, director of the Walton unit, mistook her enthusiasm.

"Don't worry about that," he said. "We can easily arrange a double for you in those scenes."

But Gladys didn't want a double and for a week preceding the starting of production on the film, she practised all kinds of swimming and diving stunts.



GLADYS WALTON
"THE WILD PARTY"

ON THE MAT.

ASKED AND ANSWERED.

TALES OF HONGKONG.

FACTS OF INTEREST.

[Life may be summed up as one continual question. The individual is continually wanting to know. It may be mere curiosity perhaps, or the deeper call of knowledge, that urges the question that seeks an answer. The following are some of the things that have exercised our and our readers' minds. They may seem at first sight of little or no moment, but we venture to think that there is not a single matter dealt with but has its own interest, and perhaps value. It needs to be said that in asking the questions which have now been answered, nothing but the greatest courtesy has been shown by those who have been called upon, and who have set apart a portion of their busy time to answer the questions submitted. Exigencies of space compel us to hold over a number of other questions asked and answered, but these will appear, we hope, in a future issue of the *China Mail*.]

"Flower Street"

Wyndham Street—the lower end of it is world-famous. Poets have sung its beauties; it has figured in literary effusions the world over, and is the local mecca for tourists and the busy housewife. We refer of course to the flower stalls which have been there from time immemorial. Any agitation for their entire removal would certainly not be successful, and we have yet to meet anyone in favour of it. But the question does arise as to whether the location of "Flower St." should not be removed. The congestion and chaos there recently has been terrific; probably it was abnormal. Building operations have been proceeding whilst giant Christmas trees must be shown somewhere. But is there not a place in the Colony that would be just as central and convenient and give more room for display? Our thoughts turned to the silent non-objection fountain in Queen's Road opposite the Theatre. Here is room in abundance and a position that would make the blooms more real and make that part of the world posy itself. However the matter was placed before Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Assistant Colonial Secretary. As usual Mr. Fletcher listened readily. He assured our representative that though another market had often been suggested—round the fountain in Queen's Road even, the flower sellers would remain where they were.

Mr. Fletcher said that he could not remember how long the flower sellers had been there. They had not gained the pitch by right of conquest, but simply by sanction of the Police. Certain hawkers were allowed to vend their wares in certain streets and in Wyndham Street was found a suitable spot for the sellers of flowers.

The present confusion caused at the junction of Wyndham Street and Queen's Road is due to the excavation work of the P.W.D. and when the thoroughfare becomes normal the traffic complication will disappear.

Wyndham Street therefore is to remain one of its features of fame.

Our Police

ARE THEY WELL-ARMED?

In reports of armed robberies in the Colony, it is usual to read that the miscreants are "well armed." Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police) asked if the Hongkong Police are considered to be comparatively well armed stated that, in his opinion the local force is as well armed as any other. All members are provided with .38 calibre revolvers, with long pistols, the latter making for better shooting. The revolvers are of Smith and Wesson make and have always been found efficient. "Automatics" were discarded some years ago. The C.S.P. also stated that the European and Indian sections have rifles and, of course, every policeman carries a truncheon. Speaking of the affair with armed robbers in Yau Ma Tei, the C.S.P. expressed the view that if the officers had received the information a little earlier a man could have been posted at the approach with a rifle and the robbers could have been picked off one by one if they did not surrender.

Mr. Wolfe also announced that as the Shantung Chinese are armed with rifles—a number having been attached now to the big stations on the Peninsula—night patrols would shortly be sent out with rifles to make special provision for any emergency during the approach to China New Year. In case of emergency a trained man on post duty with a rifle would be a formidable opposition to armed robbers.

[These facts are worth noting and prove that our gallant men are well looked after so far as their equipment is concerned.]

Pracy Enquiries

On the printing of the "Hydrangea" we wrote a leader suggesting that an enquiry would doubtless be held, but an intima correspondent wrote and enquired what on earth we were thinking about. He said:

denied them. In municipal matters they are to be seen and not heard. Ask the average chair bearer or ricksha puller what he knows of family love or of the innocent pleasures of this life. His answer alone will bear testimony of the fact that we, in Hongkong are too selfish to care enough for those who are not blessed with much of this world's goods; yet who give their all to our use. Their silence rings somewhat thus in our ears—

"This have We done for You
What have You done for Us?"

And what have we done? How much time, how much money, how much of what he has in abundance does the average Hongkong man or woman (native or foreign) contribute towards the betterment of this Colony? To say we have no time is not just; to pretend that we have nothing to give is untrue. So much of our money goes to feed our clubs, hotels, bars, restaurants, to settle motor-hire bills, and such like that, were a fraction of these be given to the welfare of the poor much good will eventually. Will none of our public workers come forth to instruct them, and to make life more pleasant to them? Are they so much taken up with arguing the pros and cons of trifling matters, reservations and what not—that they have no time to attend to things of more practical use? Have we no one here who is ready to show to our poor the beauties of life, and the spirit of co-operation? If floods were again to visit North China or another earthquake should happen to Japan how ready will our public workers come forth to do their bit. If their arms can stretch thus far why is it not possible for more to come forward to help those who are near and certainly more dear to us.

Our Northern friends are not slow in demonstrating their appreciation of the good work done by these men by subscribing to a Christmas Cheer fund. Do not our chair bearers deserve the same sympathy? We have a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. What hinders us from having one for the education and moral uplift of our less fortunate citizens?

The New Year has come but not gone. It is never too late (at least better late than never) to make our resolutions. It would be late should this our neglect in mutual service meet on us. If history repeats itself once it will repeat itself again.

"Let us then be up and doing,"
"Learn to labour and to wait."

A New City.

It is obvious to even the casual observer that a new Hongkong is springing up. The amount of road making confirms that as does the numerous houses and other buildings that are springing up. Even weary Wanchai is receiving attention and a note of cleanliness is to be observed there in the shape of new streets with new buildings in it. Lee Hy San Street first struck our gaze. This street never was before—at least under this name. It now stretches from the Praya to Queen's Road. Here is the story concerning it and other matters, in our commissioner's own words:

Old residents of Hongkong have marvelled at the progress of the colony and the great changes that have been wrought during the past few years. A few years more and they will see Hongkong's foreground in Wanchai district undergo a transformation. The transition of Wanchai from a congested and unhealthy area to one laid out on modern and hygienic lines will bring the consumption of a scheme long projected and eagerly awaited.

Some parts of Wanchai have already been reconstructed. Streets have been widened to a proper healthy minimum, houses are being rebuilt by the owners and in one instance a new street has come into being. This new thoroughfare is being from the Praya East to Queen's Road is unofficially known as Lee Hy San Street which will take the place of a narrow lane which was a blind alley and which has now disappeared.

In this area, seventy-eight new houses have been erected or are in the course of construction. The owners of the land, we are told by officials of the P.W.D. are not necessarily to build new houses but if they do, they are required to conform with the new levels needed for the proper working of the drainage in connection with the new Praya scheme.

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he farthest point in the new Praya to the present foreshore will be about thirty-three yards.

Here on this new foreshore there will be great scope for builders. No doubt there are already schemes on hand for the erection of more miniature skyscrapers for the growing commercial institutions. Another ten years, and the picture postcards representing this district will be out-of-date and unrecognisable.

"Getting Together."

Captain Robert Dollar put the seal on the wish we have often expressed to see, an organisation of the "Get Together"—type in the Colony. Either an International Club or a Rotary—it matters not so long as it gets our varied constituents together in one fold. Let our Commissioner speak on this matter:

Capt. Robert Dollar, the veteran shipmaster and owner, made a suggestion at a tiffin at the Hongkong Hotel a few days ago. He advocated the formation of an English-Speaking Union here and was most enthusiastic of its benefits stating that he was so much taken up by the idea while he was in London that he became a life member; the first on record. Is there a need for such an organisation, if not an English-Speaking Union, a Rotary or International Club in Hongkong? Opinions are varied. To function competently, the Union or Club must have support, not of a spasmodic nature, but consistent. And will this support and enthusiasm be found in Hongkong? Again opinions seem at variance.

The Rotary Club's functions are for the promotion of business interests, good fellowship and a cementing of international relations. In Shanghai, the Club is undoubtedly a success. Its weekly affairs are well attended and at each meeting there is either a distinguished visitor, or well-known business man to give a "talk" on matters concerning his own particular profession—a procedure which is certainly helpful.

From the import of Capt. Dollar's remarks it was evident that he did not advocate specifically the formation of an English-Speaking Union. "You Hongkong business men have got to get together," said Capt. Dollar. By getting together, the captain struck the true note of the Rotary Club's aims.

Hongkong is purely a British colony and its foreign community perhaps a little conservative. It lacks the comprehensive cosmopolitanism of Shanghai and for that reason could hardly bear comparison. Do the businessmen of Hongkong—for they are all businessmen—see the advantages of such an organisation? Are they enthusiastic enough to carry on the Club if formed?

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on being interrogated said that in his opinion he thought the idea would not receive much support. Britishers, he said, were different from Americans with their boundless enthusiasm and penchant for forming such institutions.

Mr. Bernard was asked if he thought Capt. Dollar's scheme workable. He said that perhaps at first the organisation would flourish, but after a short time it may fizzle out like other Association which died a natural death shortly after a healthy beginning. Other well-known businessmen implied that the experiment may be tried. One said that the businessmen in Hongkong had their Chambers of Commerce, but he admitted that they were not international.

A newspaper correspondent—a member of the E.S.U.—has pointed out the aims of the Union and has stated that it would seem in Hongkong where there is a large number of citizens of the different English-speaking countries, an active branch might be opened and good results achieved, but he has failed to keep a promise to supply particulars of the E.S.U. to enquirers.

The aims of such an association are certainly attractive. With a few more men of Capt. Dollar's stamp an organisation would soon be in existence. What is needed is a group of interested businessmen to begin activities. Is there a group willing to undertake the experiment?

Matilda Hospital

The enquiry or comment put to us by a reader was in a series of questions as under—

How can a patient gain admission to the Hospital?

Is it a fact that at one time a patient had to be in receipt of a salary or wage of not more than \$200 a month and that this has now been increased to \$300?

Is it a fact that patients employed by Government have been admitted to the Hospital in spite of the fact that institutions are provided for them?

These questions being beyond us we submitted them to the Secretary to the Governing Body and in due course received a letter enclosing a printed copy of the "Rules for the Admission of patients to the Matilda Hospital" which we give below. It will be noticed that the specific questions we submitted have not been answered, but the rules now given will probably be of use to those who may have desired information on the matter and not known how to obtain them:

1.—Cases of accident and of urgent disease are admitted at any hour, day or night. Persons under mental derangement, having any infectious disease, or in a state of confirmed consumption, cannot be admitted.

2.—Under ordinary circumstances cases deemed by the Medical Superintendent incurable are not to be admitted, but applications for the admission of such cases may be made to the Governing Body.

3.—Patients may be admitted—

(a) on the recommendation of any qualified and registered medical practitioner.
(b) on the recommendation of any member of the Governing Body.
(c) on direct application to the Medical Superintendent.

In cases of doubt the Medical Superintendent shall refer to the Governing Body.
4.—No person shall remain in the hospital longer than four months unless by permission of the Governing Body.
5.—Patients shall be at no expense during their residence in the hospital. All gratuities are prohibited.

6.—Friends of patients may visit them on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 3.30 to 5 p.m. Exceptions however may be made by the Medical Superintendent, in critical cases, or in favour of persons who come from a distance.

ALMA ENAMORATA.

(To a Virtuous Earthly Soul.)

"And in the love I bear you
I feel the chattering rod—
Oh! great soul, Oh! mate-soul
You are so near to God."

Day flits towards the evening
Nocturnal silence creep—
When love is lost forever,
A life in sorrow steep.

Then nights are fraught with terror
And anguish dark as sin—
Show life's highway of error,
Recall the might-have-been.

Recall and re-awaken
The ardent days of youth,
The lustrous years forsaken—
Its blindness to all truth.

Now love is all forgotten,
From earth-gleams cast away—
But in the NEXT replete,
With galaxies of ray.

Sic transit gloria mundi
But love alone shall live,
Shall find in tears a glory—
Transcendent joys in grief.

And upon the topmost ridge
Two hearts shall beat as one—
Through aymal gapes, a bridge
Conduct them to the sun.

For their last home is heaven
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Mrs. Ida M. Leslie.

Great mystery surrounds the possibly fatal shooting of Milton A. Maas, wealthy New York chemical manufacturer, in the Sound Beach (Conn.) home of wealthy Mrs. Ida M. Leslie. Maas had just gone to see Mrs. Leslie, who had started out of her house to give her dogs an airing. Two men seized her, and when Maas rushed to her assistance he was shot down. Police later searched Mrs. Maas's home and seized a number of love letters on the theory a jealous suitor may have hired gunmen to kill his rival.



Mrs. William E. Corey.

Charging desertion, Mrs. Mabelle Gilman Corey has secured a Paris divorce from William Ellis Corey, millionaire American steel magnate, one of Andrew Carnegie's "boys." They were married in New York on May 17, 1907. Mrs. Corey was Corey's second wife, before her marriage being Mabelle Gilman, well-known actress. His first wife was Miss Laura Cook, of Pittsburgh, to whom he was married when he was making \$40 a month. She worked hard for him and inspired him on the road to success. They had several children, but Corey is said to have believed his wife did not advance as he did. He settled \$1,000,000 on her, and she divorced him. He had succeeded Charles M. Schwab as President of the United States Steel Corporation, but was forced to resign because of the publicity that followed his divorce and re-marriage.



Bombed Spanish Consulate.

Following terrific bomb explosion in the Spanish and Italian consulates in Philadelphia, guards have been placed around the consulates of these two Governments in all cities in the United States. The police believe the bombs were placed by anti-Fascist anarchists as a demonstration against the new treaty signed by Italy and Spain, both being Fascist Governments.

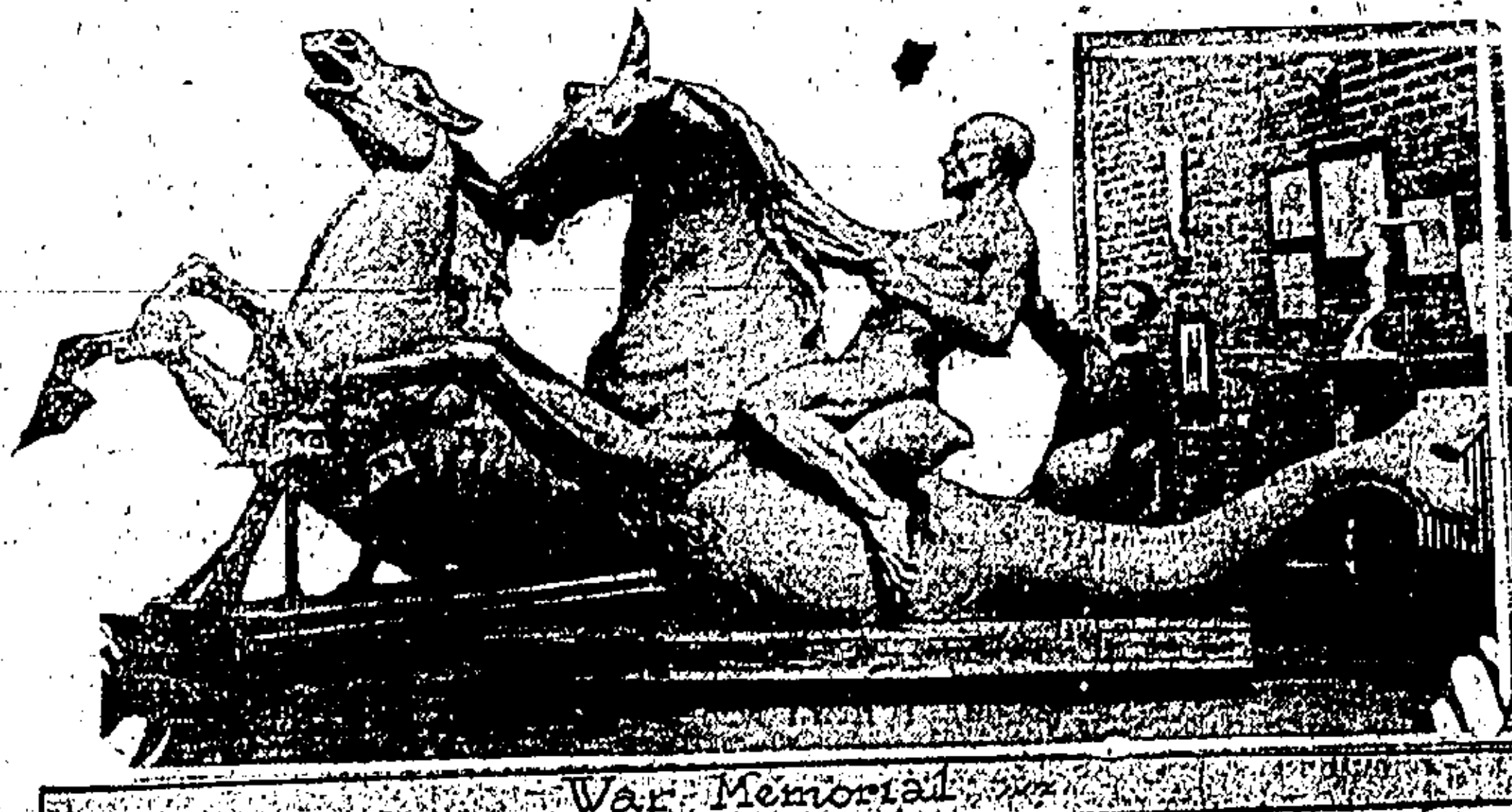


Barlow M. Diamond

Barlow M. Diamond, salesman, has been arrested in Cleveland, O., and brought back to New York, charged with being one of three men who shot down two Brooklyn bank messengers on a Brooklyn elevated station and escaped with \$43,000 in money.



There are many instances of four generations in one family, but few of five generations are recorded. The Adams family, of Orwin, Pa., is one of the exceptions. In the photograph are: Mrs. Adams, 81; her son, Amos L. Adams; his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Batdorf; her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Behney, and the latter's infant son. The Adams family was one of the first to settle in Schuylkill Valley.



War Memorial.

Pompeo Coppini, famous sculptor, is shown working on the huge horses and figure that will form part of the main group of the \$2,500,000 war memorial to be placed on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Robert E. Vinson, President of the University, has accepted the Coppini group as part of the memorial.



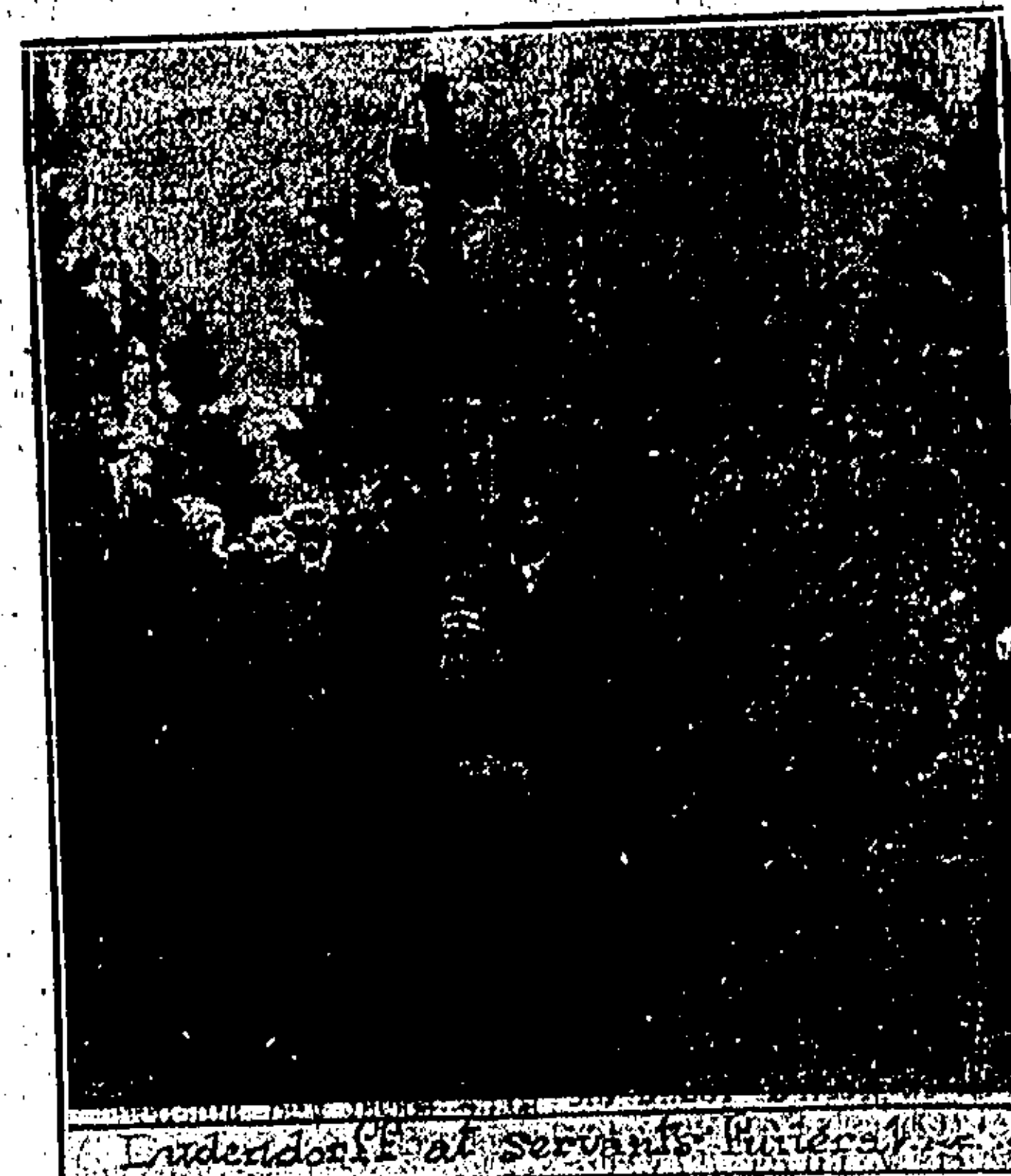
Madame Amalia Besso.

Madame Amalia Besso is the leader of the women Fascist in Italy. This organization is fully as powerful and influential as the male organization headed by Premier Benito Mussolini.



Dr. Heinrich F. Albert.

Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, German Commercial Attaché to the United States before the war and charged with being head of the German propaganda service in America, has been called upon by President Ebert to form a new government, following the overthrow of the Stresemann Cabinet. Albert was guilty of many overt acts against the United States while we were still at peace.



Ludendorff at service.

In the Bavarian putsch, in which Generals Erich von Ludendorff and Hitler and their followers failed in Munich, the faithful servant of the former German Quartermaster-General was killed. General Ludendorff was among the mourners at the grave.



Yale beats Harvard.

Yale's outstanding eleven proved better amphibians than Harvard's football squad in a sea of mud in the Harvard Stadium, Cambridge, Mass., and the Blue team won, by 13 to 0. The above photograph shows some decided action during the game.

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WELL, KIN I GO ANYWHERE OR HAVE ANYBODY COME UP TO SPEND THE EVENIN' WITH ME?

NO!

ME-OW!

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CHURCH NOTES.

THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

THE EPISTLE.

The Epistle is a detailed application of the general principles enunciated in the Epistle of last Sunday: first, under the sense of individual responsibility, by resolution to make full use of any gift and corresponding function in the Church—whether of prophecy and teaching, or of practical rule and charitable work—so as to yield a thoughtful, earnest, single-hearted service; next, by the spirit of love in all its forms—in affection for the good, in kindness and humility, in energy of service and hopeful patience, in open handed charity and forgiveness, in universal sympathy and self-forgetfulness. (Compare the description of charity in 1 Cor. XIII.)

Given to hospitality. "The term 'hospitality' is too restricted in these latter days. Its meaning here is the kind entertainment and treatment of strangers. The last words of the Epistle read in the revised version 'set not your mind on high things but condescend to things that are lowly.'"

The Gospel deals with the miracle of the water made wine at the wedding feast of Cana. It has been said that by the agency of His Divine Spirit Jesus turned the water into wine. By this sign says St. John, He "manifested His glory." The glory was not merely in the display of power, but in the inward meaning of the act. This act was a symbol of the whole life of Jesus. It was a symbol of the Incarnation. He took the water of our human life, and by the supremacy of His Spirit converted it into the wine of the divine life. He came down to our fallen humanity and raised it again to God. By taking our manhood upon Him, He "took it unto God." Thus He dignified every part and faculty of it. He stamped it for ever with the pledge of its divine possibility. The flesh is no longer vile, since He wore it. Suffering is no longer merely sad since He consecrated it. The wine did not simply come, the divine became it. That is the divine method. When Christ came He did not come as a new order of being. He came in the flesh, a man. It was just this real and actual human nature that He made divine. We are to follow that divine method. We are to take the water as we find it and convert it into wine. Our lives and circumstances—the world we live in—may seem singularly incapable of fulfilling a divine purpose; yet it is through these and not otherwise that the divine purpose is to be fulfilled. The Christian is the true artist of life. He takes what he finds in the lot he shares with ordinary men—of sorrow and joy, of labour and rest, of success and failure, of capacities and incapacities. He does not quarrel with it, he does not change it. But by the supremacy of the spirit which he receives from God, he converts it into the sphere of a noble and God-ward life. It is not too much to say that the main business of a Christian life is to go through the world turning its water into wine. Put quite simply the true Christian learns to make the best of everything and everybody.

COMMON THINGS.

Give me, dear Lord, Thy magic common things,
Which all can see, which all may share,
Sunlight and dewdrops, grass and stars and sea,
Nothing unique or new, and nothing rare.

Just daisies, knapweed, wind among the thorns,
Some clouds to cross the blue old sky above;
Rain, winter fires, a useful hand, a heart,
The common glory of a woman's love.

Then when my feet no longer tread old paths,
(Keep them from fouling sweet things everywhere),
Write one old epitaph in graceful words:
"Such things look fairer that he sojourned there."

C.L.M.

KIND WORDS.

A sense of an earnest will
To help the lowly living—
And a terrible heart-thrill
If you have power of giving:
An arm of aid to the weak,
A friendly hand to the friendless,
Kind words, so short to speak
But whose echo is endless.
The world is wide—these things are small
They may be nothing, but they are all.

LORD HOUGHTON.

NOTE.

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below mean sea-level.To obtain the depth of water on the
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard
add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at
Lamport Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
inches to the height given in the table.

January 14 to 20, 1924.

		High Water	Low Water		
Day	Hour	Height	Time	Day	Hour
Mon.	11	11.1	10.15	Mon.	11
Tues.	10	10.2	9.25	Tues.	10
Wed.	9	9.3	8.35	Wed.	9
Thurs.	8	8.4	7.45	Thurs.	8
Fri.	7	7.5	6.55	Fri.	7
Sat.	6	6.6	5.55	Sat.	6
Sun.	5	5.7	4.55	Sun.	5

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 18th, 1924.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

Names Stock Exchange Sharebrokers' Association.

Banks		
H.B.C. T.T. selling rate	2/4	2/4
on London	5 7/8	5 1/8
and on Shanghai	\$ 1120 b. 1120/30 aa.	b. 1120
Hongkong Bank	2 1/2	n. 2 1/2
Chartered Bank	2 1/2	n. 2 1/2
P. & O. Bank	2 1/2	n. 2 1/2
East Asia Bank	190 b.	b. 190
Messageries Bank	\$ 230 n.	n. 230
O 211 1/2		
Marine Insurance		
Canton Insurance	7 1/2 b.	n. 7 1/2
North China Insurance	\$ 140 b.	n. 140
Union Insurance	\$ 225 b. & sa.	b. & sa. 225
Insurance Company	\$ 24 n.	n. 24
Far Eastern		b. 140
Fire Insurance		b. 500
China Fire Insurance	\$ 140 b.	
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$ 550 n.	
Shipping		
Doan	\$ 55 b. 55 aa.	b. 55
E. K. Steamboat	\$ 48 b. 50 s.	b. 48
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$ 38 b.	n. 38
do. (H.K. Reg.)	\$ 133 n.	n. 130
Shell Transport	\$ 82 b. & sa.	a. 82 1/2
Star Ferry	\$ 62 1/2 n.	b. 61
Hongkong Tugs and Lighter	\$ 35 n.	b. 31
Refineries		
China Sugar	\$ 261 b. 260 sa.	b. & sa. 262
Malayan Sugar	\$ 53 n.	n. 54 1/2
Mining		
Kailash Mining Adm.	60 n.	n. 65
Langkats		
Shanghai Loans	Comb. \$14 b.	b. 34
S. S. Explorations		n. 5
Rauha	\$ 510 n.	
Trough Mines	30 b.	b. 30
Ural Corp.	11 1/2 b.	
Banquet Con.	P. 3 n.	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H. & K. Wharves	\$ 190 b. 185 1/2	sa. 185/193
H. & W. Dock	\$ 161 sa.	n. 160 1/2 sa. 161
Sing Dock	\$ 74 n.	a. 94
New Engineering	\$ 7 b.	b. 6
H. K. Engineering		
Shanghai Hotels & Buildings	\$ 715 n.	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings		
S. K. & Co. Hotels	\$ 22 1/2 b. & sa. New	(n. 27 New)
Hongkong Lands	\$ 95 b. 24 1/2 sa.	b. 95 sa. 95 1/2
Humphrey	\$ 28 n.	sa. 28 1/2
Kowloon Lands	\$ 8	
Land Reclamations		n. 150
Erincoo Building	\$ 150 n.	
Cotton Mills		sa. 12 1/2
Emp. Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls 12 n.	
Kunz Yika		
Loon Kung Mow		
Oriental	T. 3 1/2 n.	b. 3 1/2
Shanghai Cotton	T. 70 a. New \$ 51 n.	n. 71 New n. 51
Xiangtongpo		
Miscellaneous		
Cement	\$ 57 1/2 b. & sa.	(sa. 27 1/2 1/2)
China-Bureau		
China Liqueur (Old)	\$ 173 b. 177 1/2 sa.	b. 173 sa. 175 1/2
China Liqueur (New)		a. 50 1/2
China Provident	\$ 27 1/2 b. 23 1/2 1/2	n. 28 1/2 sa. 27 1/2
Dairy Farms	\$ 34 b. 31 a.	a. 34
H. K. Electricity	\$ 33 1/2 b.	a. 33 1/2 sa. 31
Macao do	\$ 58 b.	a. 51
Hongkong & Canton Ice	\$ 68 1/2 sa.	b. 65 sa. 65 1/2
Hongkong Rope	\$ 35 b. 30 1/2 1/2 sa.	b. 31 1/2 sa. 31 1/2
Hongkong Tramways	\$ 15 b.	b. 15
Peak Tramways (Old)	\$ 15 b.	b. 21
Do. (New)	\$ 15 b.	
Steam Laundry	\$ 15 b.	
Water & Steel Foundry	\$ 17 1/2 b.	b. 17 1/2
Water-works	\$ 25 b.	b. 25
Wm. Powells	\$ 17 1/2 b. & sa.	b. 17 1/2 sa. 17 1/2
Lane Clockworks	\$ 6 a.	a. 6 1/2
Cable Lanes	\$ 8 n.	
City Construction	\$ 8 n.	a. 6 1/2
Nanyang Tobacco	\$ 18 1/2 b.	n. 18 1/2
Fluores	\$ 20 b.	b. 20
Macintosh	\$ 250 b. 250 1/2	b. 250
China Glass	\$ 12 1/2 b.	a. 12 1/2

